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HELLO

Life is full of colorful moments and Albums help to recreate the magic of those special occasions long after they are over. Hence, Albums for any special occasion or landmark in life, such as weddings, birthdays and so on, should be created in a manner that helps one to relive and cherish those special moments. This is where Album Xpress, conceptualized and created by DgFlick, comes into the picture. The software is specially designed with numerous multi utility features, which provides a user-friendly interface even for the most amateur Album creators.
Its features also cater to professional Album makers and thus its scope and use are wide ranging. The ready-to-use industry standard Album types and sizes and the in-built templates, themes and decors ensure that Album creation is just a matter of a few clicks. Instant color correction with the reference to background of the page helps the user to edit the photos in a better way.
This manual explains the features and uses of Album Xpress in detail and will serve as your guide as you navigate the world of fast and high-quality Album creation.

Album Xpress User Manual

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Introduction

Congratulations on buying Album Xpress! This Manual will guide you on how to use this software effectively.

Scope and System Requirements

MAC System

- Mac Intel, min 1 GHz
- Mac OS X 10.6 .V Leopard and above
- 1 GB RAM
- 1 GB free disk space
- CD/DVD-ROM drive
- USB Port *

Windows System

- Pentium 4, 2.8 GHz Processor and above
- Microsoft Windows XP (service pack 2)/ Microsoft Windows 7 / Microsoft Windows 8
- 1 GB RAM
- 1 GB free disk space
- CD/DVD- ROM drive
- USB Port *

*Note: Topics marked with * are for PRO users.*

Opening the Tool Box – Getting Started

This section deals with online and offline registration process and other tools like shortcuts, preferences and help.

Registration

Once you have installed the Album Xpress software on your computer, you need to proceed to Registration. This ensures that all features of the software are made available to you. Registration is very easy and the user-friendliness of the software makes the process quick and simple.

The Process

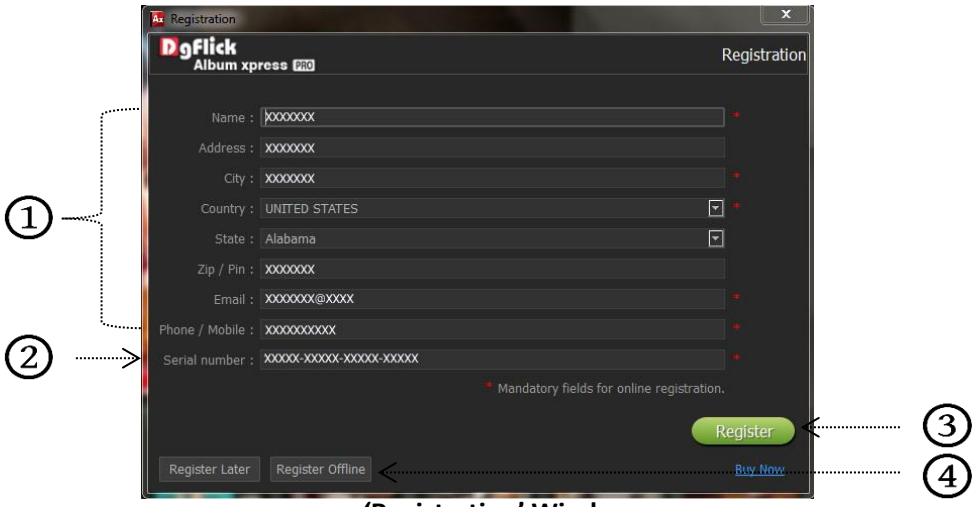
On installation of Album Xpress, the Registration Window appears on your screen. Relevant details such as the Owner Name, Address, City, Country, State, Zip/Pin, Email and Phone or Mobile Number need to be entered; some fields are mandatory (marked by an asterisk *). Fill in the details and proceed as per the instructions in this section.

The software enables you to complete the registration process while you are connected to the Internet and also while you are offline. It also allows you to register at a later date.

Online Registration

The screen that you first see on starting the registration process needs to be completed as a first step. Here is how:

- Enter your details in the relevant fields. These are Name, Address, City, Country, State, Zip/Pin, Email and Phone or Mobile number. ①
- Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and cannot be left incomplete.
- In the last field- Serial Number (XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX) will be automatically generated in the serial number text box. ② You will also find the serial number inside the software box pack.



'Registration' Window

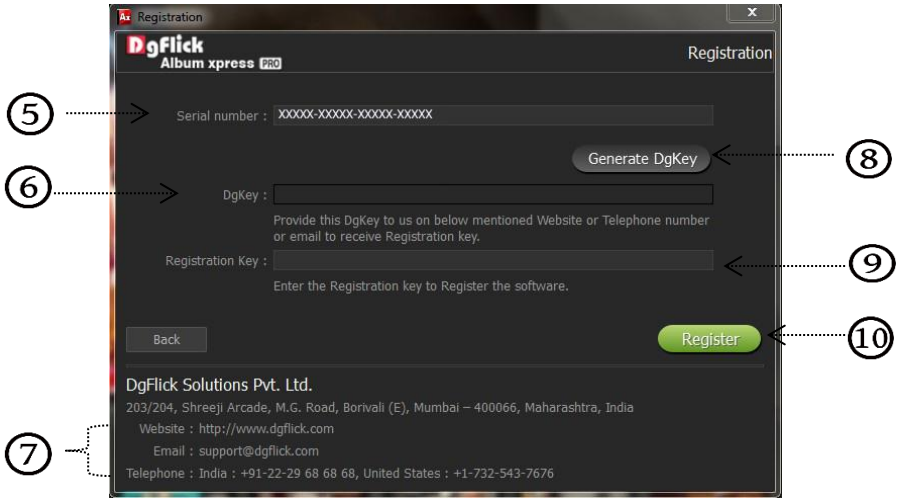
- After ensuring that all the fields are filled correctly, click on 'Register' ③ in the lower right-hand corner.
- The message confirming completion of the registration process appears on the screen.
- You are now registered and can use the software.

Offline Registration

If you do not have Internet access on your computer, you can proceed as follow

- Enter your details in the relevant fields. These are Name, Address, City, Country, State, Zip/Pin, Email and Phone or Mobile number. ①
- Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and cannot be left incomplete.
- In the last field- Serial Number (XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX) will be automatically generated in the serial number text box. ② You will also find the serial number inside the software box pack.
- After ensuring that all the fields are filled correctly, click on 'Register Offline' ④ at the lower left-hand corner of the page, after which you move on to the next page.
- The next page has boxes for 'Serial number', 'DgKey' and 'Registration Key'.

- If the serial number (XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX-XXXXX) is not already there in the serial number text box, ⑤then enter the number provided by the vendor on purchasing the pack or alternatively, found on the software box pack.
- Click on the 'Generate DgKey' button ⑧ below the serial number text box.
- The DgKey appears on the screen in the appropriate text box. ⑥



Offline Registration

- Next, a registration key is required to complete the process. There are three ways ⑦of obtaining this key:
  - **Telephone**: Call +91 22 2968 68 68 and the support executive will provide you with the registration key corresponding to your DgKey.
  - **Email**: Email us at support@dgflick.com to receive your registration key via Email.
  - **Web**: Log on to www.dgflick.com to receive the key.
- Once you have your registration key, enter it in the corresponding text box⑨.
- Click on 'Register' ⑩to activate the software.

Note: To get a feel of Album Xpress, You can download the software from our website www.dgflick.com and use as Trial.
OR
Click on the 'Buy Now' button to buy the complete version of Album Xpress.
Some of the features may not be available in trial version.
Note: If you are an existing user, fill in details such as your email id and password. The registration key is generated for your use.

Know Your Software

This section gives you a basic understanding of Album Xpress before you actually start working on the software. Running through this section will enhance your understanding of the options available and will help you to make finest use of the software.

General Features

Album Xpress comes with several features, which are discussed in this section:

- **Auto Album Creation:** Album Xpress helps you to design and create the Album of your choice. It allows you to sort, select and sequence templates, themes and photos while planning your page layout and décor and it is supported by Wizard. You can even edit the photos and view the order in which they will appear in the Album.

- **Eco and Perfect Album creation:** In Album Xpress, you can also create perfect and Eco Album. Album Xpress tries to make perfect Album by arranging the photos in the order they were taken while Eco album arranges all the photos in same size.

- **Ready-to-Use Templates, themes and Presets:** Album Xpress has more than 900 inbuilt templates in which 88 templates are inbuilt in software and others are available in three volumes available in DVD. In addition, new downloadable templates and themes are released by DgFlick on a regular basis. Existing templates and themes can be altered as per your specifications and saved; you could also build installable templates and themes and share them with or sell them to other Album Xpress users worldwide. Moreover, more than 100 presets are also available along with the Album Xpress software. These can be used for quick Album creation in instances where no major customizations are required.

- **Online Cropping:** The online photo crop feature allows you to trim out any part of the source photo that you don't need. You can crop the photo to give it the desired height and width before incorporating it in the Album.

- **In-built Standard Album Sizes:** Album Xpress comes loaded with several in-built Album types predefined according to the standard industry printing and binding specifications.

- **Page and Spread Base Designing:** In Album Xpress you will get three different page styles i.e. Page, Spread and Spread Split, select any of the desired style to design the Album.

- **Free Transform:** In Album Xpress, borders and masks are freely transformable i.e. when you transform borders and masks, it will transform the photo together.

- **Center zoom in:** Album Xpress gives you advance feature of center zooming. This helps you to align photo properly.

- **Template Creation and Alteration:** You can create new templates and themes or alter existing ones for the Album of your choice. You may also create a completely new page design using your own Decor and save the template for future use.

- **Advance Photo Editing:** Album Xpress has features—Lasso, Chroma, Touchup, Highlight and Eraser—for advance photo editing to enhance the quality of the photos that make up the Album.

- **Multilingual:** Album Xpress is already loaded with multiple languages. Album Xpress supports Unicode. DgFlick keeps adding to its list of languages that Album Xpress works on. You could download the latest dictionary, which may include the language you are looking for. Else, you could add the language of your choice to DgFlick's dictionary for your own use.

- **Available on Windows and Mac:** Album Xpress works on both Mac and Windows systems. The updates for both versions are released simultaneously by DgFlick.

- **Print Anywhere:** You could export your project in (i) JPEG format; (ii) Low Resolution PDF for customer approval (iii) as a print- ready PDF i.e. high resolution PDF; and (iv) as a layered PDF to allow color correction before final printing.

- **Easy Backup:** Once the Album is ready, you can save the Album with the photos and decors i.e. backgrounds, clip arts, borders, masks used on it for further usage.

- **Interactive User Interface:** Navigation through the software is simplified by user-friendly controls and virtually no training is required before use. Moreover, all control panels are dock able and expandable and can be moved to the position of your choice.

Controls and Navigations

Preferences

Adjust size

Go to the home page

View available Album sizes

Helps you to move back to the previous window

Helps you go to the next window

Select path for browsing

Adjust thumbnail sizes

Undo edit

Redo edit

Show/hide margins

Show/hide gridlines

Show/hide Centerline

Photo is locked

Photo is unlocked and can be modified

Indicates the quality of the photo being used

Zoom in

Zoom out

Photo is not of very good quality but can be used

Photo is of bad quality but can still be used

Photo is unfit for use

Fit to screen

Actual size

Lock/unlock photos

Arrange objects

Page-based alignment

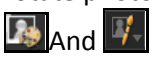
Object-based alignment

Equal spacing between objects

Equal size photos

Group/Ungroup Photos

Rotate photo

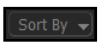

And
Edit Photo

Save the work

Save a copy of the changes

Load original image

Reset all



Sort photos according to the required parameter

Rotate Borders in 90°, 180° and 270°

and
Rotate clockwise and counter clock wise

and
Flip horizontally and Vertically

Swap photo

Panning

Create a new category or Album size

Edit a category or Album size

Delete a category or Album size

Lasso-make layer

Lasso-select layer

Full Screen View

Left page

Right page

Page spread

Expand design collage

Fit design photo collage

Crop design photo collage

Change layout

Shortcut Tools

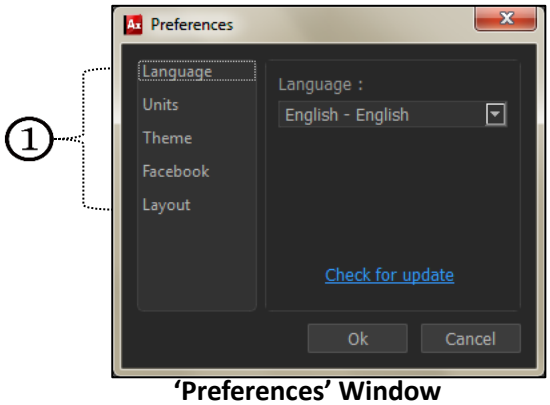
Album Xpress - Shortcut Keys			
Object Type	**Actions**	**Windows**	**Mac**
All	Move – Left	Left Arrow key	Left Arrow key
	Move – Right	Right Arrow key	Right Arrow key
	Move – Top	Top Arrow key	Top Arrow key
	Move – Bottom	Bottom Arrow key	Bottom Arrow key
	Move – Left + Snap	CTRL + Left Arrow key	COMMAND + Left Arrow key
	Move – Right + Snap	CTRL + Right Arrow key	COMMAND + Right Arrow key
	Move – Top + Snap	CTRL + Top Arrow key	COMMAND + Top Arrow key
	Move – Bottom + Snap	CTRL + Bottom Arrow key	COMMAND + Bottom Arrow key
Photo	Crop – Zoom In	ALT + '+'	ALT + '+'
	Crop – Zoom Out	ALT + '-'	ALT + '-'
	Crop – Left Pan	ALT + Left Arrow key	ALT + Left Arrow key
	Crop – Right Pan	ALT + Right Arrow key	ALT + Right Arrow key
	Crop – Top Pan	ALT + Top Arrow key	ALT + Top Arrow key
	Crop – Bottom Pan	ALT + Bottom Arrow key	ALT + Bottom Arrow key
	Crop – Before	Page Up	Page Up
	Crop – After	Page Down	Page Down
All	Rotate X Increase	ALT + X	ALT + X
	Rotate X Decrease	ALT + CTRL + X	ALT + COMMAND + X
	Rotate Y Increase	ALT + Y	ALT + Y
	Rotate Y Decrease	ALT + CTRL + Y	ALT + COMMAND + Y
	Rotate Z Increase	ALT + Z	ALT + Z
	Rotate Z Decrease	ALT + CTRL + Z	ALT + COMMAND + Z
All	Arrange Object – Bring To Front	SHIFT + Top Arrow Key	SHIFT + Top Arrow Key
	Arrange Object – Bring Forward	SHIFT + Right Arrow key	SHIFT + Right Arrow key
	Arrange Object – Send to Back	SHIFT + Bottom Arrow key	SHIFT + Bottom Arrow key
	Arrange Object – Send Backward	SHIFT + Left Arrow key	SHIFT + Left Arrow key
All	Align Page based – Top Left	CTRL + 7	COMMAND + 7
	Align Page based – Top Center	CTRL + 8	COMMAND + 8
	Align Page based – Top Right	CTRL + 9	COMMAND + 9
	Align Page based – Center Left	CTRL + 4	COMMAND + 4
	Align Page based – Center	CTRL + 5	COMMAND + 5
	Align Page based – Center Right	CTRL + 6	COMMAND + 6
	Align Page based – Bottom Left	CTRL + 1	COMMAND + 1
	Align Page based – Bottom Center	CTRL + 2	COMMAND + 2
	Align Page based – Bottom Right	CTRL + 3	COMMAND + 3
	Align Page based – Top	CTRL + T	COMMAND + T
	Align Page based – Bottom	CTRL + B	COMMAND + B
	Align Page based – Left	CTRL + L	COMMAND + L
	Align Page based – Right	CTRL + R	COMMAND + R
All	Align Object based – Top Left	CTRL + SHIFT + 7	COMMAND + SHIFT + 7
	Align Object based – Top Center	CTRL + SHIFT + 8	COMMAND + SHIFT + 8
	Align Object based – Top Right	CTRL + SHIFT + 9	COMMAND + SHIFT + 9
	Align Object based – Center Left	CTRL + SHIFT + 4	COMMAND + SHIFT + 4
	Align Object based – Center	CTRL + SHIFT + 5	COMMAND + SHIFT + 5

	Align Object based – Center Right	CTRL + SHIFT + 6	COMMAND + SHIFT + 6
	Align Object based – Bottom Left	CTRL + SHIFT + 1	COMMAND + SHIFT + 1
	Align Object based – Bottom Center	CTRL + SHIFT + 2	COMMAND + SHIFT + 2
	Align Object based – Bottom Right	CTRL + SHIFT + 3	COMMAND + SHIFT + 3
	Align Object based – Top	CTRL + SHIFT + T	COMMAND + SHIFT + T
	Align Object based – Bottom	CTRL + SHIFT + B	COMMAND + SHIFT + B
	Align Object based – Left	CTRL + SHIFT + L	COMMAND + SHIFT + L
	Align Object based – Right	CTRL + SHIFT + R	COMMAND + SHIFT + R
All	Equal Spacing Horizontally	CTRL + SHIFT + H	COMMAND + SHIFT + H
	Equal Spacing Vertically	CTRL + SHIFT + V	COMMAND + SHIFT + V
All	Move Selection to Next Object	TAB	TAB
	Move Selection to Previous Object	SHIFT + TAB	SHIFT + TAB
	Add Next Object to current Selection	CTRL + TAB	COMMAND + TAB
	Add Previous Object to current Selection	CTRL + SHIFT + TAB	COMMAND + SHIFT + TAB
All	Select All Objects on page	CTRL + A	COMMAND + A
	Cut Object(s)	CTRL + X	COMMAND + X
	Copy Object(s)	CTRL + C	COMMAND + C
	Paste Object(s)	CTRL + V	COMMAND + V
	Delete Object(s)	DEL	DEL
	Undo Object(s)	CTRL + Z	COMMAND + Z
	Redo Object(s)	CTRL + Y	COMMAND + Y
	Show Photo Information	CTRL + SHIFT + I	COMMAND + SHIFT + I
All	Increase the size of Object from – Top Left	ALT + 7	ALT + 7
	Increase the size of Object from – Top Center	ALT + 8	ALT + 8
	Increase the size of Object from – Top Right	ALT + 9	ALT + 9
	Increase the size of Object from – Center Left	ALT + 4	ALT + 4
	Increase the size of Object from – Center	ALT + 5	ALT + 5
	Increase the size of Object from – Center Right	ALT + 6	ALT + 6
	Increase the size of Object from – Bottom Left	ALT + 1	ALT + 1
	Increase the size of Object from – Bottom Center	ALT + 2	ALT + 2
	Increase the size of Object from – Bottom Right	ALT + 3	ALT + 3
All	Decrease the size of Object from – Top Left	CTRL + ALT + 7	COMMAND + ALT + 7
	Decrease the size of Object from – Top Center	CTRL + ALT + 8	COMMAND + ALT + 8
	Decrease the size of Object from – Top Right	CTRL + ALT + 9	COMMAND + ALT + 9
	Decrease the size of Object from – Center Left	CTRL + ALT + 4	COMMAND + ALT + 4
	Decrease the size of Object from – Center	CTRL + ALT + 5	COMMAND + ALT + 5
	Decrease the size of Object from – Center Right	CTRL + ALT + 6	COMMAND + ALT + 6
	Decrease the size of Object from – Bottom Left	CTRL + ALT + 1	COMMAND + ALT + 1
	Decrease the size of Object from – Bottom Center	CTRL + ALT + 2	COMMAND + ALT + 2
	Decrease the size of Object from – Bottom Right	CTRL + ALT + 3	COMMAND + ALT + 3
Page	Flip Page composition Horizontally	ALT + H	ALT + H
	Flip Page composition Vertically	ALT + V	ALT + V
View	Fit to Screen	CTRL + F12	COMMAND + F12
	Actual Size (1:1)	CTRL + SHIFT + F12	COMMAND + SHIFT + F12
	Zoom In	+	+
	Zoom Out	-	-
Screen	Toggle Full Screen	CTRL + SHIFT + F11	COMMAND + SHIFT + F11

Preferences

Album Xpress allows you great flexibility in usages while working on it. You could

- Change to the language of your choice.
- Select the units you wish to work with.
- Select the desired Theme for your software.
- Choose your Facebook history storage options.
- Select the layout for your software.



'Preferences' Window

After installation, click on the Album Xpress shortcut icon in your specified path to start the software.

- Clicking on the 'Preferences' icon on the top right-hand corner, displays the 'Preferences' Window①.
- Choose your preferred language from various available languages from 'Language' tab, click on 'Check for Updates to check the updated list of languages.
- Select the units in which you want to work in canvas area from the dropdown list of 'Units'.
- Select the color in which you want your software to be displayed from 'Theme' tab,click on 'Get More' to get more themes from Dgflick website.
- The history which was generated at the time of importing photos from Facebook will be deleted by clicking on the checkbox from Facebook option.
  OR
- If you want to work offline and want to access the photos from Facebook in future which are already accessed then keep the checkbox unchecked.
- From layout tab you can change the layout of design album window of the software. You can align tabs to left, right, bottom and default style.
- Save your changes by clicking on 'Ok'. You might need to restart your software for the changes to take effect.
- Click on 'Help' to get the help menu. This has a complete list of shortcut keys that you will find useful while using the software (Refer Section Shortcut tools).

Getting Into the Job – Using the Software

In previous section we learnt about software functionality. Now in this section we will learn how to use this software to create Albums. We will see various available categories and sizes and various ways to create Albums.

Predefined Categories and Sizes

Album Xpress is versatile software that lets you use its made-to-standard, predefined categories and sizes or create your own categories and sizes the way you want to.

The ready-to-use Album types, which conform to printing and binding industry standards, come in six major variants. Each of these categories has multiple size options and you can choose the size that suits the Album you want to design.

- **Ruby:** Lets you personalize your cover and choose your individual page design, printed on offset paper. It comes in the following sizes (in inches): 9 X 12, 10 X 10, 10 X 14, 12 X 9, 12 X 12, 12 X 15, 12 X 18, 15 X 12 and 18 X 12.
- **Topaz:** Gives you a ready-made cover but lets you decide the individual page design, printed on offset paper. It comes in the following sizes (in inches): 9 X 12, 10 X 10, 10 X 14, 12 X 9, 12 X 12, 12 X 15, 12 X 18, 15 X 12 and 18 X 12.
- **Diamond:** You have the option of personalizing your cover and the layout follows a panoramic page design, printed on photographic paper. The available sizes (in inches) are: 8 X 12, 10 X 20, 10 X 28, 12 X 18, 12 X 24, 12 X 30, 12 X 36, 15 X 30, 18 X 24 and 20 X 40.
- **Opal:** Has a ready-made cover but the page design is panoramic and is printed on photographic paper. The available sizes (in inches) are: 8 X 12, 10 X 20, 10 X 28, 12 X 18, 12 X 24, 12 X 30, 12 X 36, 15 X 30, 18 X 24 and 20 X 40.
- **Emerald:** You have the option of personalizing your cover and the layout follows a panoramic page design, printed on offset paper. Also, you could export the pages individually. The sizes (in inches) are: 10 X 20, 10 X 28, 12 X 18, 12 X 24, 12 X 30 and 12 X 36.
- **Sapphire:** Has a ready-made cover but the page design is panoramic and you could export the pages individually, printed on offset paper. The sizes (in inches) are: 10 X 20, 10 X 28, 12 X 18, 12 X 24, 12 X 30 and 12 X 36.

Table: The details and specifications of each predefined categories and subcategories

Page size	Page starts from	Page style	Cover	Cover size
Ruby				
9 X 12	Left	Page	Personalize	11 X 28
10 X 10	Left	Page	Personalize	12 X 24
10 X 14	Left	Page	Personalize	12 X 32
12 X 9	Left	Page	Personalize	14 X 22
12 X 12	Left	Page	Personalize	14 X 28
12 X 15	Left	Page	Personalize	14 X 34
12 X 18	Left	Page	Personalize	14 X 40
15 X 12	Left	Page	Personalize	17 X 28
18 X 12	Left	Page	Personalize	20 X 28
Topaz				
9 X 12	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
10 X 10	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
10 X 14	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
12 X 9	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
12 X 12	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
12 X 15	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
12 X 18	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
15 X 12	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
18 X 12	Right	Page	Ready-made	—
Diamond				
8 X 12	Left	Spread	Personalize	10 X 16
10 X 20	Left	Spread	Personalize	12 X 24
10 X 28	Left	Spread	Personalize	12 X 32

12 X 18	Left	Spread	Personalize	14 X 22
12 X 24	Left	Spread	Personalize	14 X 28
12 X 30	Left	Spread	Personalize	14 X 34
12 X 36	Left	Spread	Personalize	14 X 40
15 X 30	Left	Spread	Personalize	17 X 34
18 X 24	Left	Spread	Personalize	20 X 28
20 X 40	Left	Spread	Personalize	22 X 44
Opal				
8 X 12	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
10 X 20	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
10 X 28	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
12 X 18	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
12 X 24	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
12 X 30	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
12 X 36	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
15 X 30	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
18 X 24	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
20 X 40	Left	Spread	Ready-made	—
Emerald				
10 X 20	Left	Spread-Split	Personalize	14 X 40
10 X 28	Left	Spread-Split	Personalize	14 X 34
12 X 18	Left	Spread-Split	Personalize	14 X 28
12 X 24	Left	Spread-Split	Personalize	14 X 22
12 X 30	Left	Spread-Split	Personalize	12 X 32
12 X 36	Left	Spread-Split	Personalize	12 X 24
Sapphire				
10 X 20	Right	Spread-Split	Ready-made	—
10 X 28	Right	Spread-Split	Ready-made	—
12 X 18	Right	Spread-Split	Ready-made	—
12 X 24	Right	Spread-Split	Ready-made	—
12 X 30	Right	Spread-Split	Ready-made	—
12 X 36	Right	Spread-Split	Ready-made	—

Predefined Album Styles

Album Xpress gives you four styles for album creation. They are Perfect, Auto, Eco and Manual. Each style has its own features and functionality. Let's have a look on what each style is unique and different.
When you define any custom size in 'Create Album' window or if you choose any category and size from 'Ready Size' option, when you click on 'Next' button to go to the next process, you see the above window appears on the screen. This window gives you the choice to choose album style for the album.

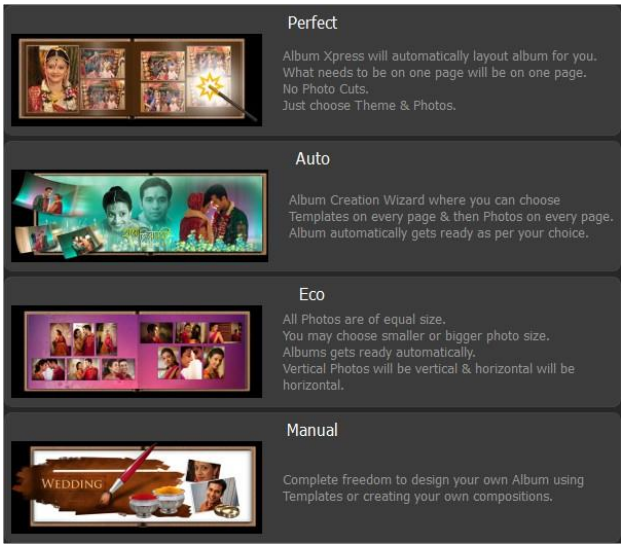
- **Perfect Album:** Perfect album is for those who love to see their photos arranged in the same order they were clicked. Due to this album narrates a story of the event. In Perfect Album, the layout is automatically selected by the software. In this style the albums are designed near to perfect as you always wanted to see. The photos get into the album without any cut. You just need to select theme and photos and software will automatically design album for you.

- **Auto Album:** Auto Album is an automatic album creation wizard. You can get a ready designed album with this option. You can select different template for every page of the album. You can select the photos as per the page.

Software indicates you by a tag on it that on which page that photo is going to be placed. You can sort the photos accordingly. Software automatically set the photo in the selected template.

- **Eco Album:** The main feature of Eco Album is all the photos get set in the same size chosen by you. You get two options for photo size i.e. small or medium. Album Xpress generates the album automatically. The orientation of photos remained unchanged. Vertical photos are set in vertical format and horizontal photos are set in horizontal format.

- **Manual Album:** This Album style is unique in many ways. Firstly you get full control over page design. Secondly, you can use ready to use templates. You get various tools for page based designing like background, masks, shapes and cliparts and so on. You can also do manual page composition in this style.


Perfect
Album Xpress will automatically layout album for you.
What needs to be on one page will be on one page.
No Photo Cuts.
Just choose Theme & Photos.
Auto
Album Creation Wizard where you can choose
Templates on every page & then Photos on every page.
Album automatically gets ready as per your choice.
Eco
All Photos are of equal size.
You may choose smaller or bigger photo size.
Albums gets ready automatically.
Vertical Photos will be vertical & horizontal will be horizontal.
Manual
WEDDING
Complete freedom to design your own Album using
Templates or creating your own compositions.

Predefined Album Styles

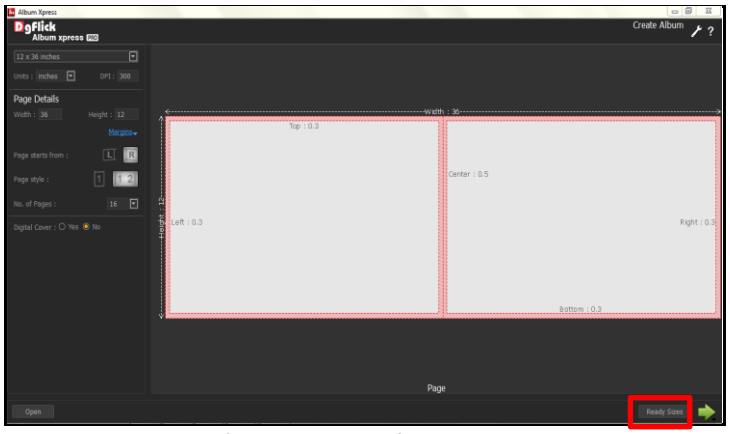
Creating and Modifying Categories and Sizes *

Album Xpress has a wide variety of predefined template sizes for Albums (please refer table). However, in case the Album size you have in mind is not among the standard sizes, you could create your own category and size, edit it or delete it as per your requirement. You can define your own custom Album parameters such as Cover, Pages, Size, Bind, Spine and Safe Area.

Creating a Category and Size *

Creating a Category

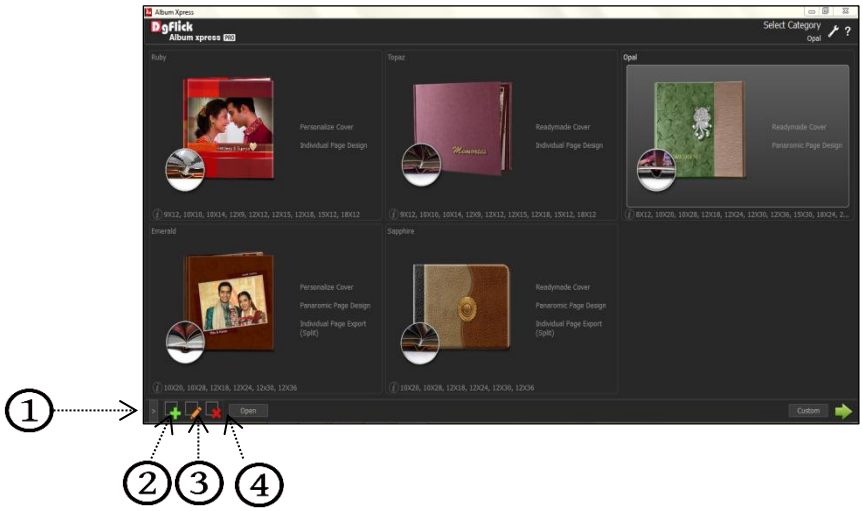
- Click on 'Ready Sizes' button on 'Create Album' window to view available Album categories and sizes.



'Create Album' window

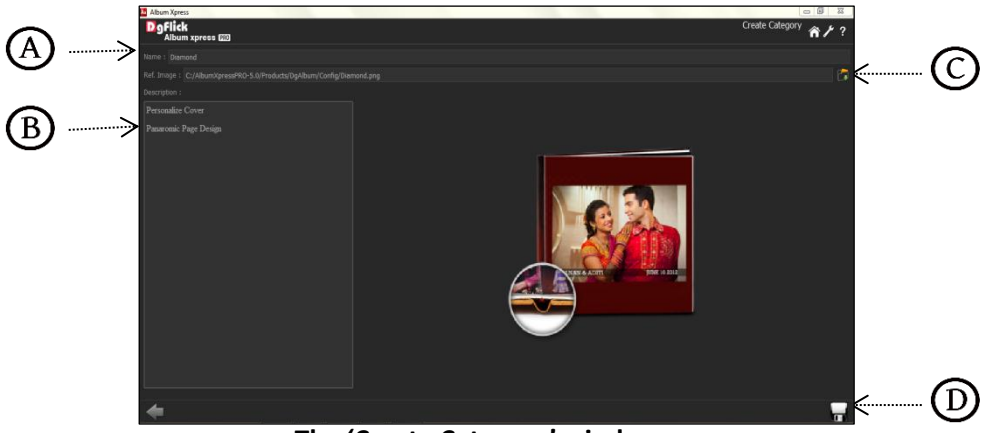
- Click on ① at the lower left-hand corner of the screen to view the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options.

- Click on 'Add' button ② to add a new category on the 'Select Category' window.



The 'Select Category' window with the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options

- On the next 'Create Category' window, Fill in the fields corresponding to the,



The 'Create Category' window

'Name': Ⓐ The name you want for your new Category.

'Ref. Image': The image you want for your Category, clicking on the 'Browse' icon Ⓒ to the right of this field lets you choose the reference image from the path in which you saved it.

'Description': Ⓑ Give a description of the category you are creating.

- Click on 'Save' icon Ⓓ, on the lower right-hand corner to save the category you created.

! Leaving either the 'Name' or the 'Ref. Image' field blank will not allow you to save the Category.

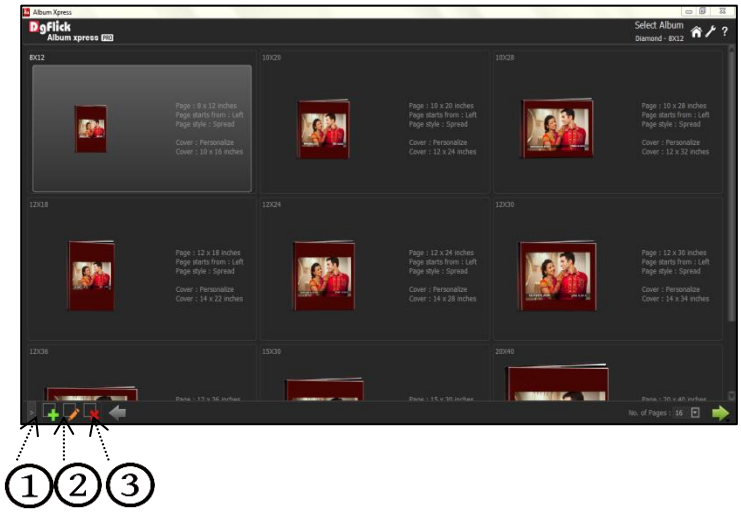
- The new category is created and can be viewed along with the predefined categories.

! At any point during the process, you could click on the back button 'Back' to go back to the previous window. On clicking this button, you are offered the chance to save/not save your changes or cancel the 'Back' command. You could also click on 'Home' to go back to the home page.

Creating an Album Size

- To view the Album sizes under a category, double click on the category. Alternatively, you could select the category and then click on 'Next' button in the lower right-hand corner.

- Click on 'Add' icon ① to add a new size on the 'Select Album' window.



'Select Album' window with the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options

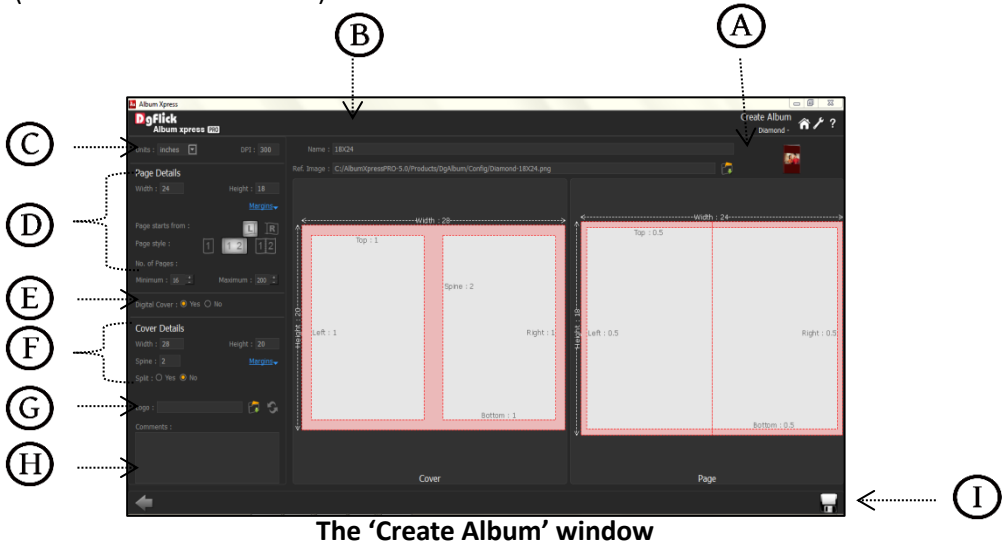
- On the next window: 'Create Album' window, You can make changes to the,

  'Name': Ⓑ edit the name as per your choice.

  'Ref. Image': The image you want for your Size, clicking on the 'Browse' icon Ⓐ to the right of this field lets you choose the reference image from the path in which you saved it.

- Define the units and DPI from here Ⓒ

- Set the parameters below the Page Details Ⓓ.
  These are:
  Width and Height,
  Margins (Center/Left/Right/Top/Bottom),
  Page start (Left/Right),
  Page style (Page/Spread/Spread-Split),
  Number of pages (Minimum and Maximum).



The 'Create Album' window

- Select the cover type from Ⓔ Digital Cover (Yes/No).

- Set the parameters below the Cover details Ⓕ.
  These are:
  Width and Height,
  Margins (Left, Right, Top and Bottom),
  Spine and Split.

- Set the logo for Album from 'Logo' option Ⓖ. Browse from and set the logo. Reset the logo from

- You could add your comments by clicking on the 'Comment' button Ⓗ.

- Click on 'Save' icon Ⓔ on the lower left-hand corner to save the size you created.

- The new Album size is created and can be viewed along with the other Album sizes.

Note: *Features marked with * marks are only for PRO version users.*

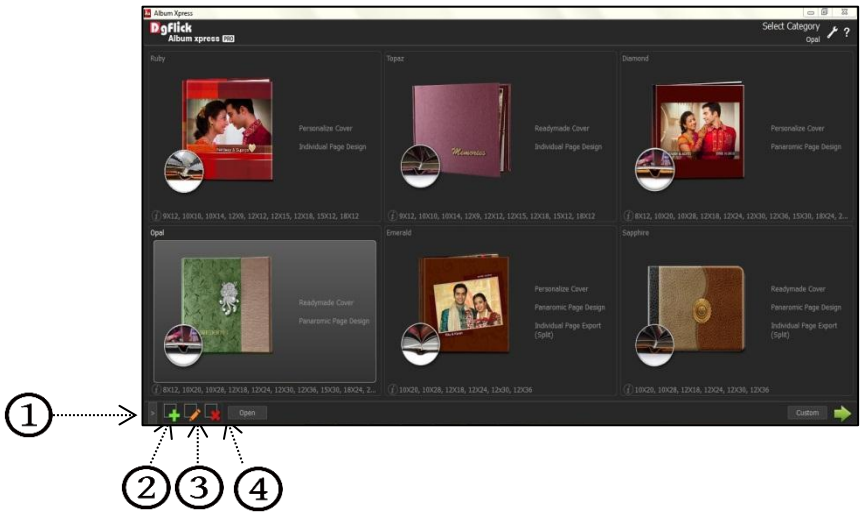
Editing a Category and Size *

Editing a Category

- Click on 'Ready Sizes' button on 'Create Album' window to view available Album categories and sizes.

- Click on ① at the lower left-hand corner of the screen to view the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options.

- After selecting the category you wish to modify Click on 'Edit' button ③ to edit a category on the 'Select Category' window.



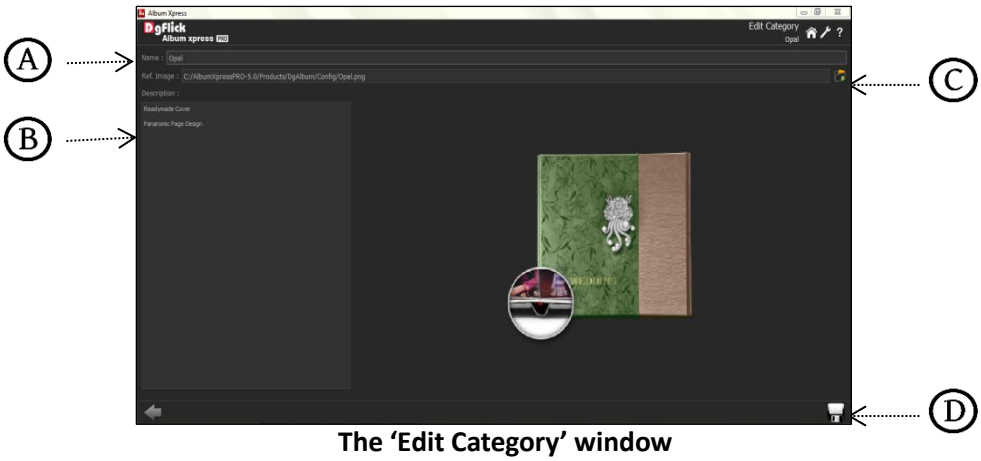
The 'Select Category' window with the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options

- On the next 'Edit Category' window, You can add your edits to the,

'Name': Ⓐ Edit the name as per your choice.

'Ref. Image': Change the image you want for your Category, clicking on the 'Browse' icon Ⓒ to the right of this field lets you choose the reference image from the path in which you saved it.

'Description': Ⓑ Change the description of the category as per your choice.



The 'Edit Category' window

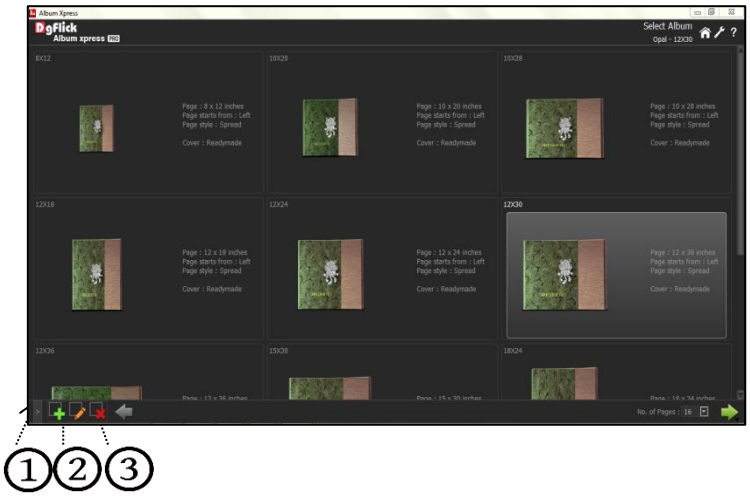
- Click on 'Save' icon Ⓓ, on the lower right-hand corner to save the changes.

! At any point during the process, you could click on the back button 'Back' to go back to the previous window. On clicking this button, you are offered the chance to save/not save your changes or cancel the 'Back' command. You could also click on 'Home' to go back to the home page.

Editing an Album Size

- To view the Album sizes under a category, double click on the category. Alternatively, you could select the category and then click on 'Next' button in the lower right-hand corner.

- Click on 'Edit' icon ② to edit an album size on the 'Select Album' window.



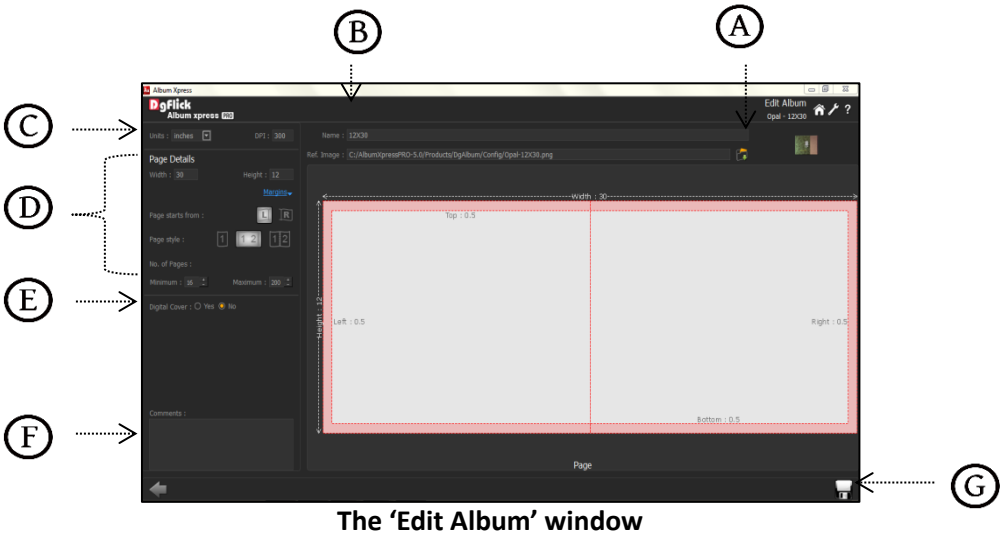
'Select Album' window with the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options

- On the next window: 'Edit Album' window, You can make changes to the,

'Name': Ⓑ Edit the name as per your choice.

'Ref. Image': Change the image you want for your Size, clicking on the 'Browse' icon Ⓐ to the right of this field lets you choose the reference image from the path in which you saved it.

- Define the units and DPI from here Ⓒ



The 'Edit Album' window

- Set the parameters below the Page Details Ⓓ.
  These are:
  Width and Height,
  Margins (Center/Left/Right/Top/Bottom),
  Page start (Left/Right),
  Page style (Page/Spread/Spread-Split),
  Number of pages (Minimum and Maximum).

- Select the cover type from Ⓔ Digital Cover (Yes/No).

- You could add your comments by clicking on the 'Comment' button Ⓕ.

- Click on 'Save' icon Ⓖ on the lower left-hand corner to save the size you created.

- The new Album size is created and can be viewed along with the other Album sizes.

- The changes done get saved.

Note: *Features marked with * marks are only for PRO version users.*

Deleting a Category and Size *

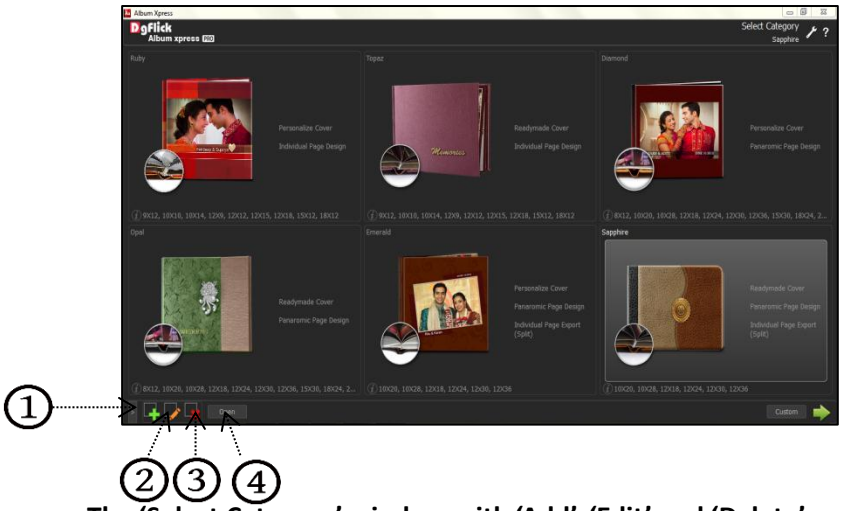
Deleting a Category

- Click on 'Ready Sizes' button on 'Create Album' window to view available Album categories and sizes.

- Click on ① at the lower left-hand corner of the screen to view the 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' options.

- After selecting the category you wish to delete on the 'Select Category' window, click on ④ to delete it permanently.

- A dialog box asking if you are sure you want to delete it appears on the screen.



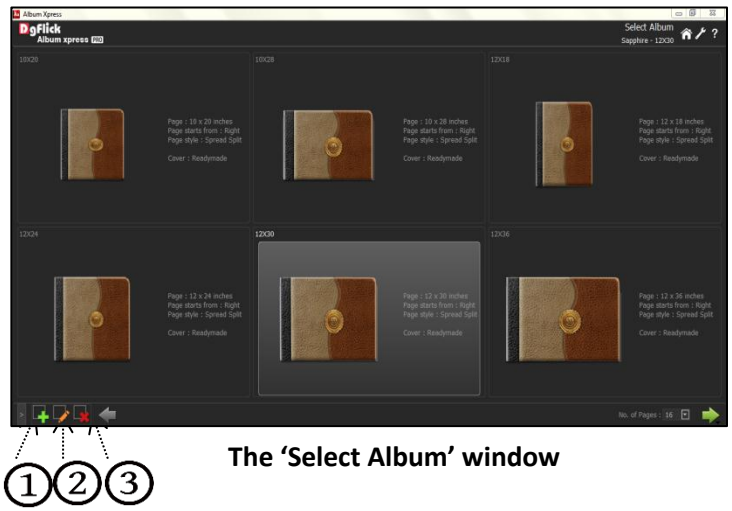
The 'Select Category' window with 'Add', 'Edit' and 'Delete' option

- Clicking on 'Yes' deletes the category permanently; clicking on 'No' aborts the operation.

Deleting an Album Size

- To view the available sizes under a category, double click on the category. Alternatively, you could select the category and then click on .Next. button in the lower right-hand corner.

- On the 'Select Album' window, select the size you need to delete and then click on 'Delete' icon ③ to delete it permanently.



The 'Select Album' window

- A dialog box asking if you are sure you want to delete it appears on the screen.

- Clicking on 'Yes' deletes the category permanently; clicking on 'No' aborts the operation.

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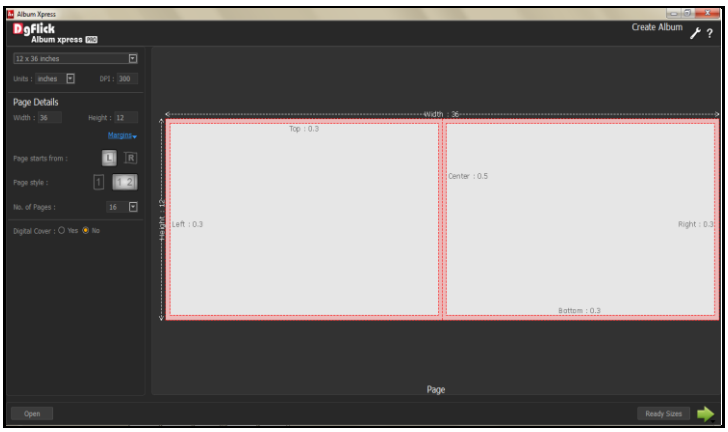
Creating the Album

Once you have modified or customized categories according to your requirements, it is time to move on to the actual process of Album creation. Album Xpress gives you the option of designing the Album in three auto ways. Perfect,

Auto and Eco. You could also go for advanced page composition i.e. Manual way for a wider array of options while creating the Album.

Create Album with Custom Sizes

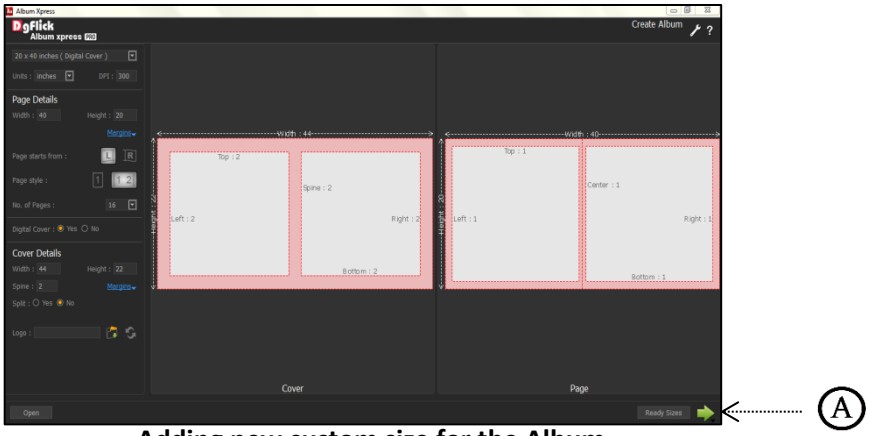
Album Creation with Custom Sizes using Album Xpress is a fast and user-friendly process, with an interactive interface, that gives you the flexibility of selecting, sorting and sequencing your templates and photos. It is supported by wizard, which makes your task simpler. Additionally, you could swap pages and photos and view the Album you have created.



'Create Album' window

The Process

- Once you open the Album Xpress software, the first screen you see is 'Create Album' window.
- On this window, you can create custom sizes of Album.
- Maximum 10 sizes get stored in this option.
- Here create size as per your need. (Refer section Creating a category and size)

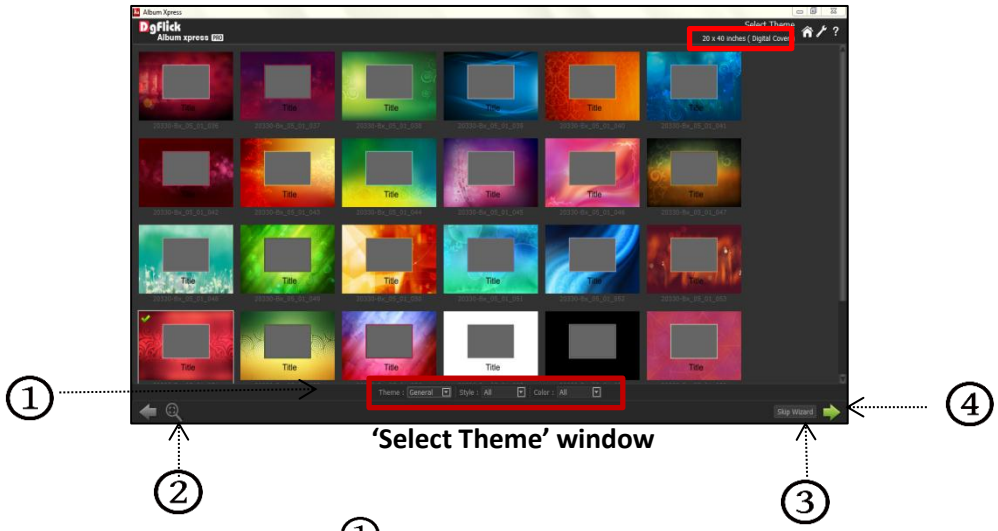


Adding new custom size for the Album

- After you add parameters for new custom size, click on 'Next' button Ⓐ to select style of Album creation.
- Here we will go with Perfect Album creation style.
- Album Xpress will try to create a perfect Album for you by automatically placing the photos on the pages in the order

they were clicked.

- After selecting Album style, you will be redirected to 'Select Theme' window.
- You can see custom size details in top right hand corner of 'Select Theme' window.



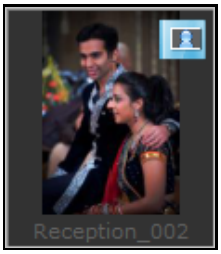
'Select Theme' window

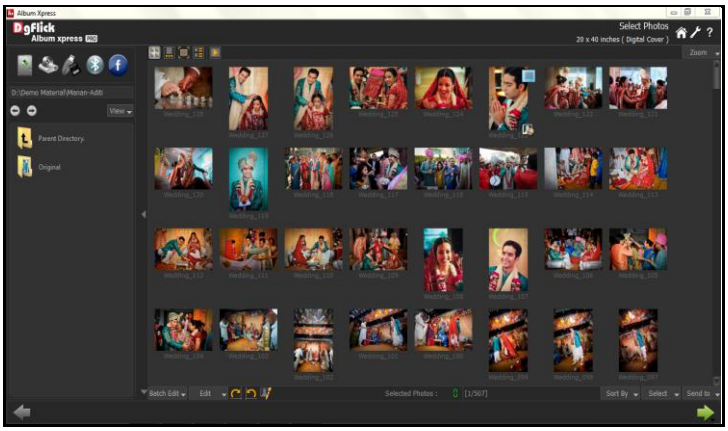
- You can sort themes in following parameters①.
  - **Theme:** You can sort theme wise i.e. General.
  - **Style:** You can sort style wise i.e. Artistic, Heart, Natural, Pattern and Simple.
  - **Color:** You can sort them color wise. You have 9 colors to sort themes.

  ! Additional icons on the page: clicking on 'Adjust Thumbnail Size' icon② allow you to alter the size of the thumbnails.
- If you select 'Skip Wizard' option③, you will be redirected to 'Design Album' window where you will have to add photos manually into the selected theme.
  OR
- If you haven't selected any theme and you select 'Skip Wizard' option③, then you will be redirected to 'design Album' window for manual creation of Album.
- After selecting theme, continue the process with 'Next' button④.
- Now you are in 'Select Photos' window.
- 'Selected Photos' shows the number of photos selected.
- Select the required photos; the selected ones have the green tick mark on the top left corner of the photo.

- To select the photo for cover, click on the icon on the top right hand corner of the photo.

- If you want to select a photo only for your cover and not for your inner pages of Album then uncheck the ✔. The photo will appear like this.



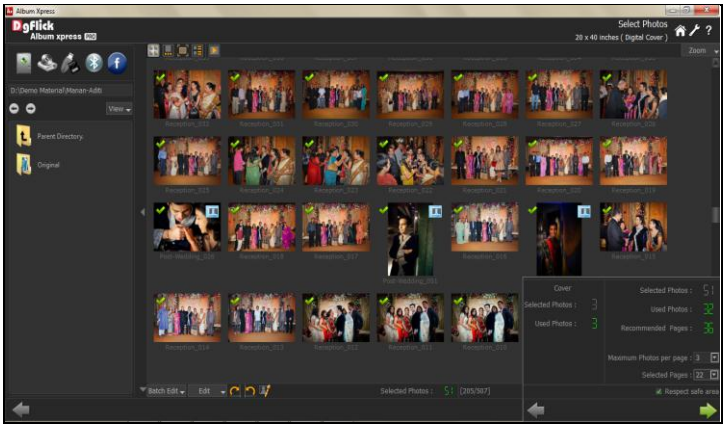


'Select Photos' window

- Select the photos for the Album and continue the process with 'Next' button. You will see a confirmation window showing information about selected photos and pages.

- Left side of confirmation window is showing details about selected and used photos for cover page and right side is showing the selected photos, used photos and the required pages for the Album. Set Maximum photos per page. Change the selected pages according to the pages recommended.

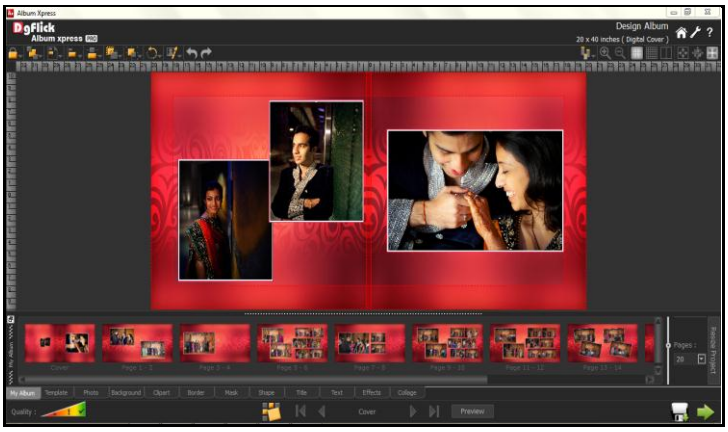
- Check the 'Respect safe area' if you want to maintain safe margins around the page.



'Select Photos' window … photos selected with confirmation window

- Once you done with page selection. Click on 'Next' button.

- You will be redirected to 'Design Album' window where you will see the Album is ready with selected theme and photos.



'Design Album' window …. Album is ready

- With button, you can change layout of the page. With every click, Album Xpress will automatically generate a new layout for your page.

- And in this way you are done with Perfect Album. You can save and export it. (Refer section Saving and Exporting)

Eco Album Creation

In Eco Album, the photos will get arranged in a particular size on all the pages. It gives you two options for selection of photo size i.e. small and medium size.

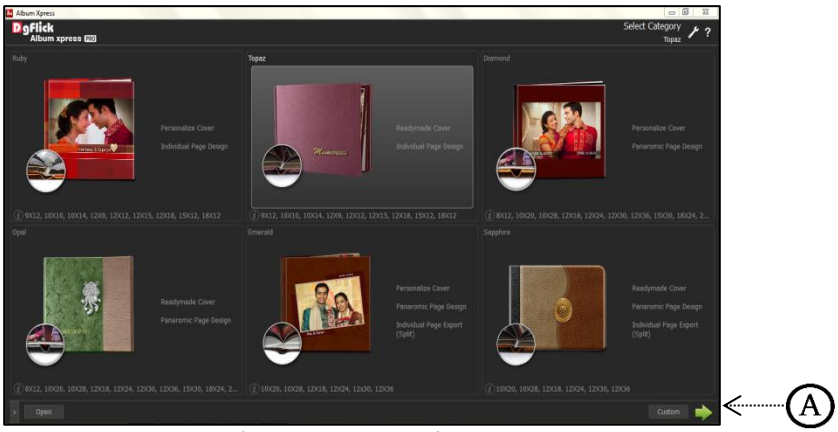
Common Features

- : This lets you change to the path of your choice to select photos, backgrounds, clip-arts, borders and masks. In most instances, the last 15 paths accessed will be displayed for use and reference, once this option is selected.
- : Can be used for adjusting thumbnail sizes.
- : Can be used to reset the changes done.
- **Ruler:** Horizontal and vertical rulers are available to help align photos on the page. The rulers can be seen on the top and left of the page and can be activated by clicking on them. The rulers that can be dragged onto the page and photos can be aligned against them.
- **Number on the photo:** On clicking the 'Photo' tab on the 'Design Album' window, the photos to be used for the Album is displayed. The number on the photo in the tab indicates the number of times the photo has been used in the Album.

The Process

- In 'Create Album' window, click on 'Ready Sizes 'button at bottom right hand corner of the window to select standard

categories and sizes for the Album or create custom size. (Refer section Create Album with custom sizes)



'Select Category' window

- Select the category of your choice and continue with 'Next' button Ⓐ.

  Note: Eco Album option is available in following sizes only: 18 X 12, 15 X 12, 14 X 10 and 16.5 X 11 in page style and 36 X 12, 30 X 12, 28 X 10 and 33 X 11 in spread style.

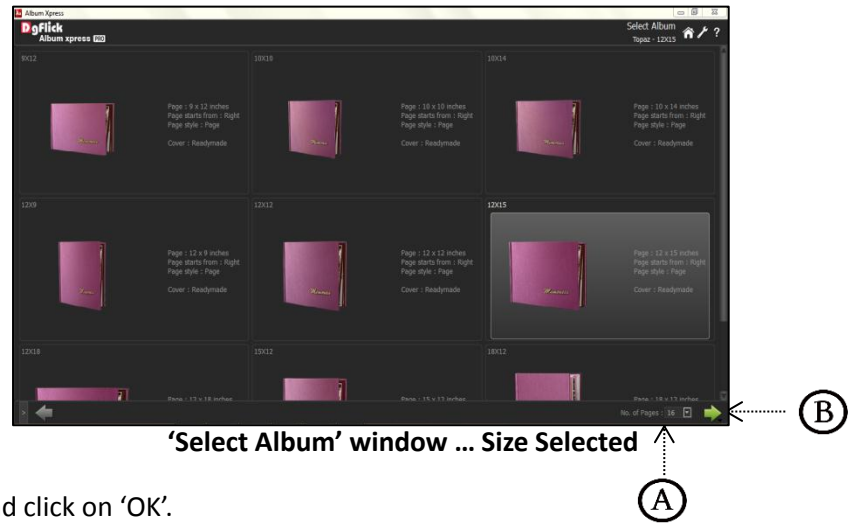
- You will be redirected to 'Select Album' window from where you can choose Album size.

- You can choose no of pages for Album from no, of pages drop box Ⓐ.

- Once you are done with category and size selection, select the Album style – Eco and continue the process with 'Next' button Ⓑ.

- When you select Eco style, the software asks photo size for the photos.

- You have two options to decide photo size small and medium.



'Select Album' window … Size Selected

- Select the desired size and click on 'OK'.

- You will be redirected to 'Select Theme' window where you can choose theme for the Album.

- If you select 'Skip Wizard' option ②, you will be redirected to 'Design Album' window where you will have to add photos manually into the selected theme.
  OR

- If you haven't selected any theme and you choose 'Skip Wizard' option②, then you will be redirected to 'design Album' window for manual creation of Album.

'Select Theme' window

! Additional icons on the page: clicking on 'Adjust Thumbnail Size' icon ① allow you to alter the size of the thumbnails.

- After selecting theme, continue the process with 'Next' button③.
- You have the option of selecting the photos from the Ⓐ

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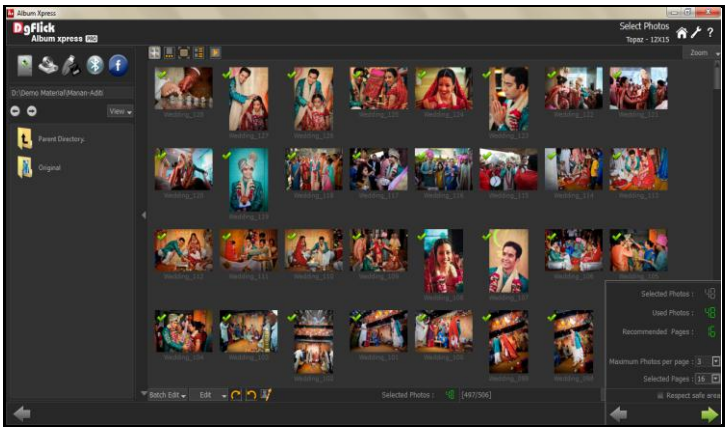
- You can make changes to the photos using the options listed at the bottom of the page. (For details refer Section Manage The photos)
- 'Selected Photos' option shows the number of photos selected.

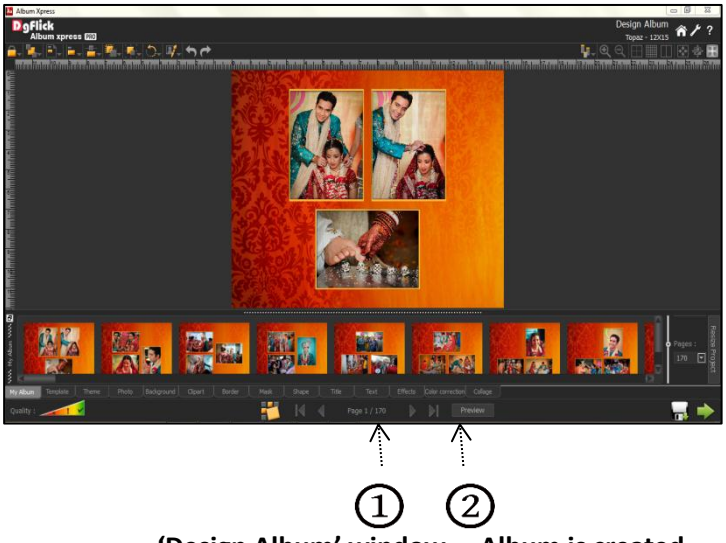
'Select Photos' window

- Select the photos for the Album and move on to the next process with 'Next' buttonⒷ.
- When you click on 'Next' button, you will be able to see a confirmation window where following information will be displayed.



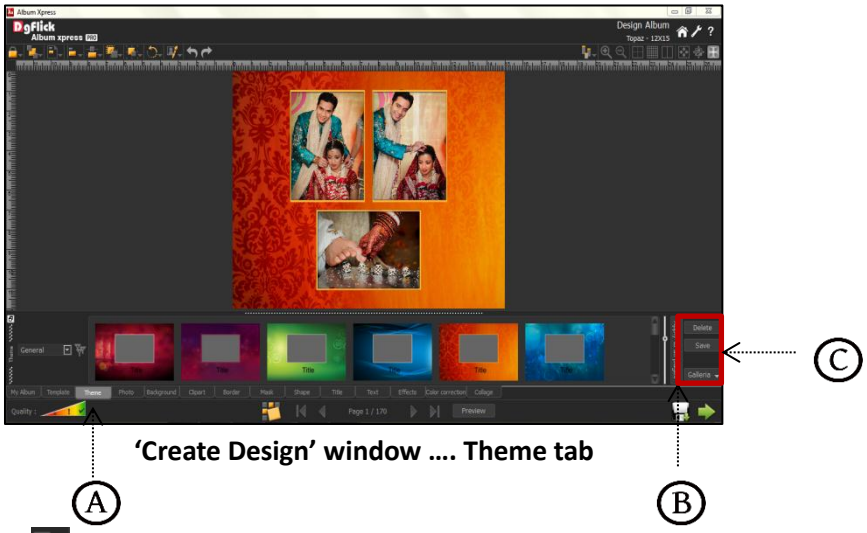
'Select Photos' window … Photos selected with confirmation window

- Confirmation window is showing the selected photos, actually used photos and the required pages for the Album. Set Maximum photos per page. Change the selected pages according to the pages recommended.
- Check or unchecks the Respect safe area if you want to maintain safe margins around the photo.
- Once you done with all the setting, continue the process with 'Next Button.
- You will be redirected to 'Design Album' window.
- You can see that the Album is ready with selected theme and photos.
- You can change photos or swap photos with each other.
- With 'Preview' button ② you can see preview of Album.
- With this navigator ①, you can navigate through pages of Album.



'Design Album' window … Album is created

- With the 'Theme' tab Ⓐ, you can change the theme of the album.
- In 'Theme' tab, you will find various options to apply the themes.



'Create Design' window …. Theme tab

- You can filter the themes from icon. You will find various options to filter themes.
- You can double click or drag and drop the theme to apply it on current page.
- You can apply same theme on all the pages of the album.
- To apply same theme on all the pages of the album, select the desired theme and then click on 'Apply to all pages' button Ⓑ. You will see that the selected theme has been applied on all the pages of the album.
- You can get more or import themes and can also save, build and share Ⓒ your own themes from theme tab. (refer section Customize your templates and themes)
- If you have selected panoramic page design, you can apply different themes on left and right page with the help of and icons in 'Theme' tab.
- 'Color Correction' tab ③ helps you to color correct photos instantly. The instant color correction feature helps you to color correct photos according to the background.
- You can color correct multiple photos at a time. Select the photos you wish to color correct.

'Design Album' window …. 'Color Correction' tab

- From 'Brightness, Contrast and Gamma' sliders ①, you can adjust the brightness, contrast and gamma of the photos.

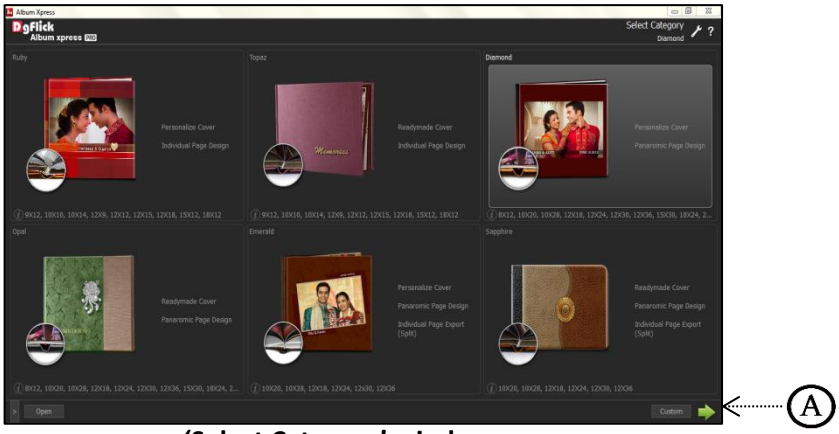
- To adjust the red, green and blue value of the photos, use the 'Red, Green and Blue' sliders②.
- From 'Reset all' button④, you can reset all the color corrections in single click.
- In this way, the Album is ready. You can save and export it. (Refer section Saving and Exporting)

Auto Album Creation

Album Xpress helps you to design and create the Album of your choice. It allows you to sort, select and sequence templates and photos while planning your page layout and décors.

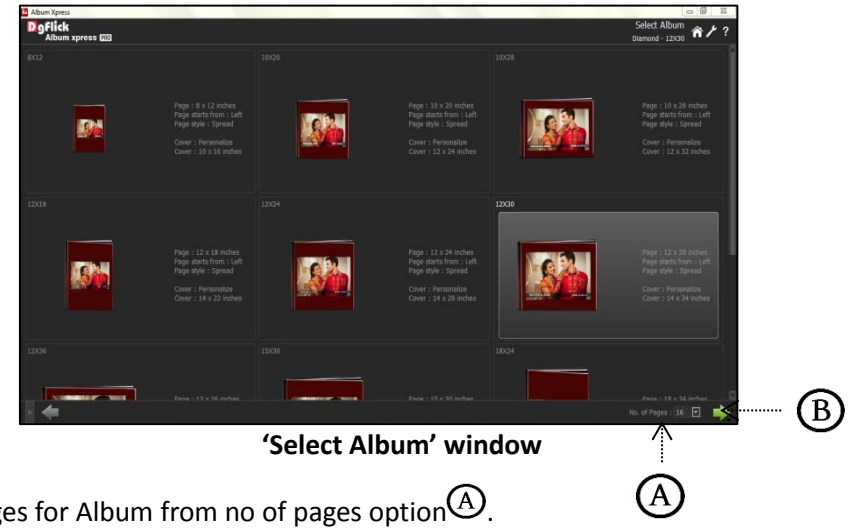
The Process

- In 'Create Album' window, click on 'Ready Sizes 'button at bottom right hand corner of the window to select standard categories and sizes for the Album or create custom size. (Refer section Create Album with custom sizes)
- In 'Select Category' window, select the category for the Album.



'Select Category' window

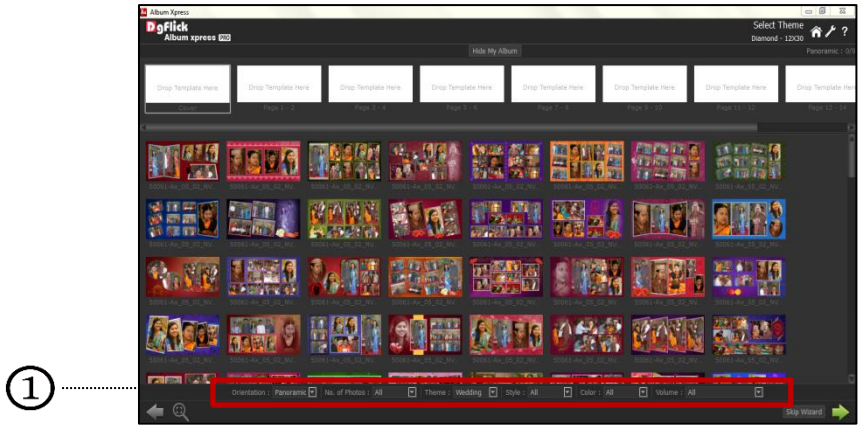
- Here we have selected Diamond Category.
- As you select category for Album, continue the process with 'Next' button Ⓐ.
- You will be redirected to 'Select Album' window where you can select size for the Album.



'Select Album' window

- You can choose no of pages for Album from no of pages option Ⓐ.

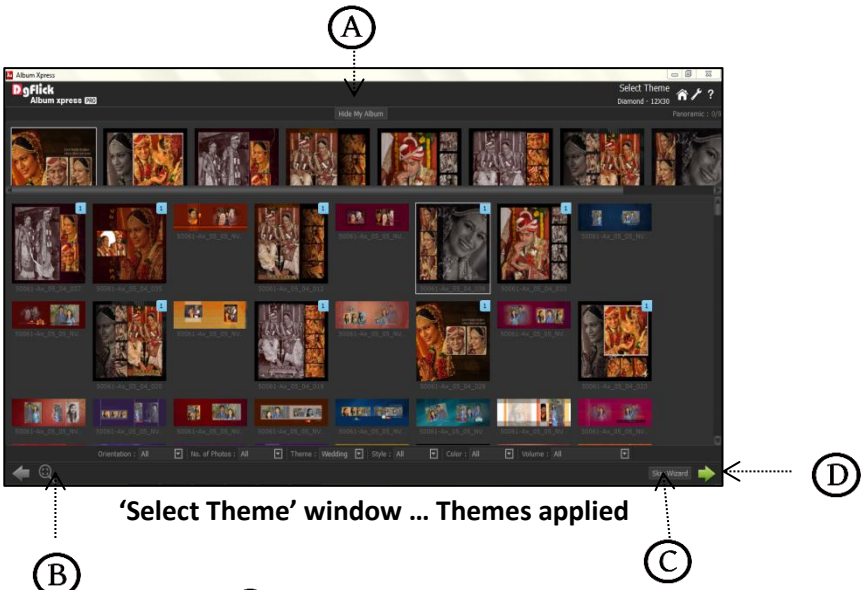
- Once you select the Album size, you can continue the process with 'Next' button Ⓑ. You will be asked to select the Album style. Select the Album style – Auto and continue with next button.
- You will be redirected to 'Select Theme' window.



'Select Theme' window

- You can see preview of cover and Album pages here.
- Below preview, you can see available themes (templates) for the Album.
- You have different sorting option by which you can sort themes ①. They are as follow:
  - **Orientation:** You can sort themes orientation wise i.e. cover, landscape, panoramic, portrait and square.
  - **No. of photos:** You can sort themes no of photo wise i.e. from one photo per theme till 16 photos per theme.
  - **Theme:** You can sort templates theme wise i.e. wedding.
  - **Style:** You can sort themes style wise i.e. ancient, classic, creative, filmstrip, modern, royal, simple and traditional.
  - **Color:** You can sort themes color wise. We have provided 10 color options to sort.
  - **Volume:** Your imported themes can be seen under volume tab.
- You need to drag and drop the themes on Album Cover and other pages to apply. You can use different templates on different pages or apply the same template manually on all the pages if you want.
- When you select the theme for any page, you will see a Blue indicator on that theme. The number in the indicator indicates number of times the theme has been used.
- If you select 'Skip Wizard' option Ⓒ, you will be redirected to 'Design Album' window where you will have to add photos manually into the selected templates.
  OR
- If you haven't selected any templates and you choose 'Skip Wizard' option Ⓒ, then you will be redirected to 'design Album' window for manual creation of Album.

! Additional icons on the page: clicking on 'Adjust Thumbnail Size' icon Ⓑ allows you to alter the size of the thumbnails; clicking on 'Show My Album' option *displays the revised Album pages; alternatively, 'Hide My Album' option Ⓐ hides them.*



'Select Theme' window … Themes applied

- After you select themes, click on 'Next' button Ⓓ to go to 'Select Photos' window.
- Now you are in 'Select Photos' window.
- You can see that cover and page photos have been automatically allotted. It means that photos having the tag name-cover will go to the cover page and photos containing the number-tag on it will go to that page number respectively.
- You can manually sort the photos. Select the photo and drag and drop wherever you want. In this way you can sort as many photos as you want.
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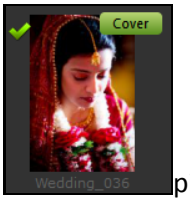
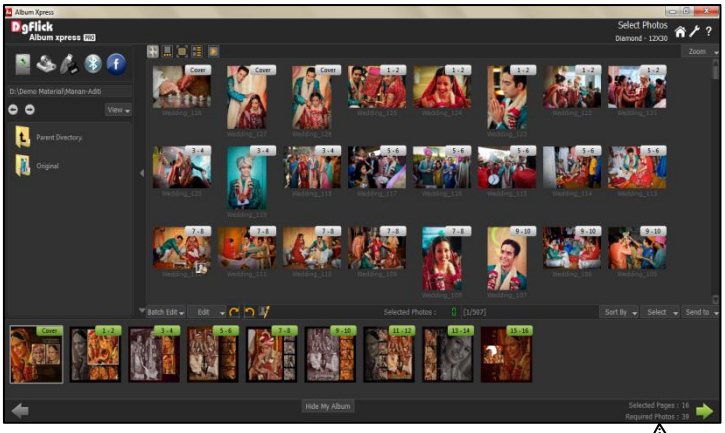
indicates that 

picture selected for the cover.
- The page number

at the top indicates that

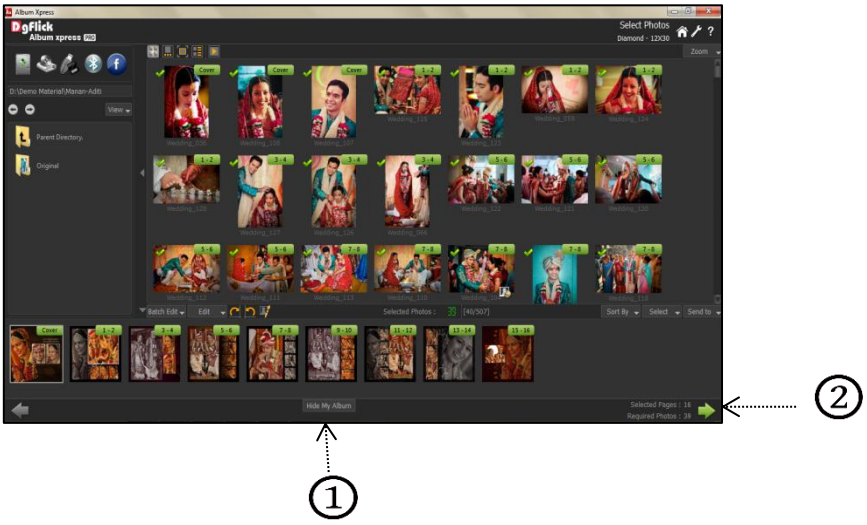
: picture chosen for a page.



'Select Photos' window

- 'Selected Pages'Ⓐ shows number of pages selected and 'Required Photos' Ⓐshows number of photos required for the album.
- Here select photos you want for the Album.
- You can use select all option to select all photos.

! Clicking on 'Show My Album' displays the revised Album pages; alternatively, 'Hide My Album' ①hides them.



'Select Photos' window … photos selected

- Once you are done with photo selection process, continue process with 'Next' option②.
- You will be redirected to 'Select Album' window where you can see the Album is ready with selected themes and photos.

'Design Album' window with ready Album

- Now the Album is ready to save and export. (Refer section Saving and Exporting)

Photo Quality Indicator:

The quality of photos used in an Album must be good to ensure clarity in the final product. Album Xpress has an in-built 'quality indicator'

, which warns you whenever the photo quality goes below the required standards. Once a photo has been placed into the frame the indicator warns you if the resolution is inappropriate for the desired output size. The warning symbols and their interpretations are presented in Table.

Table Photo Quality Indicator

Indicator and color	Interpretation
Yellow	The photo quality is not good; however, the final output will be satisfactory.
Orange	The photo quality is poor and will not yield good results on printing.
Red	The photo is unsuitable for printing.

Manual Album Creation

In manual Album Creation software provides you full control over designing. You can give personal touch to the Album by adding your cliparts, background, shapes and decors.

The Tool Bar

The tool bar at the top of the screen has a variety of options that makes Album Xpress user friendly and easy to work with. These options are explained below.

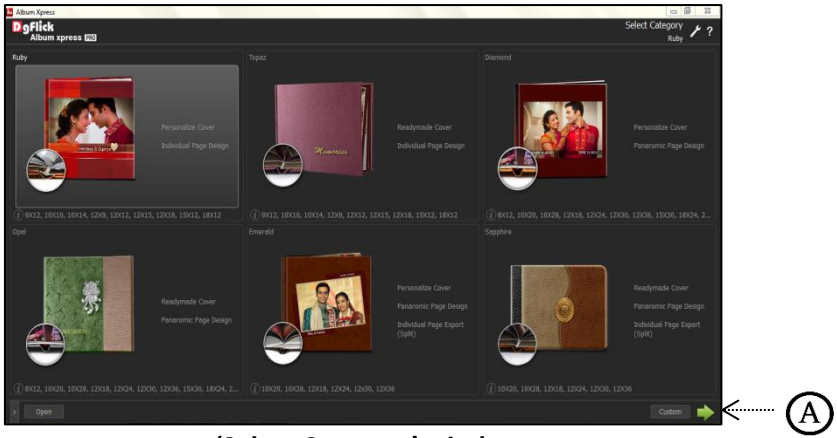
Table The Tool Bar

Icon	Use
<Lock>	Can be used to lock or unlock the photos as per the requirement.
<Arrange objects>	The four options in this tool – Send to Back, Send Backward, Bring to Front, Bring Forward – help in moving objects forward and backward depending on the page layout. Click on the object and then choose the option required to move the photo accordingly.
<Page based alignment>	This option can be used to move the object around with respect to the page. Click on the object and then select the option on the bar to apply the changes.
<Object based alignment>	This option can be used to move the object around with respect to the other objects on the page. Click on the object and then select the option on the bar to apply the changes.
<Equal spacing>	Helps to equalize the horizontal and vertical spacing between objects. Select the object for which you wish to equalize spacing. Click on the tool and select either 'Vertical' or 'Horizontal' as per your choice.
<Equal size>	Helps to equalize the size of photos on a page. Select the photos for which you wish to make size changes. Then click on this tool and select the parameter for equalizing: Width, Height and Size.
<Rotate object>	Rotates the object. To rotate the object as per your requirements, click on the tool and alter the x, y and z axis. You could also rotate it by 90 or 270 degrees and flip them vertically or horizontally . You could also rotate the image manually by using and entering the value of your choice or using the slider
<Edit photo>	Helps you to use enhance the photos.
<Undo>	To reset the change you made to the page.
<Redo>	To redo a change you made to the page.
<View>	Shows/hides tabs on the page.

<Show/hide margins>	Shows/hides the margins on the page.
<Show/hide gridlines>	Shows/hides the gridlines on the page.
<Show/hide centerlines>	Shows/hides the centerlines on the page.
<Zoom in>	For zooming the page in.
<Zoom out>	For zooming the page out.
<Fit to screen>	Adjusts the page size such that the page fits the screen.
<Actual Size>	Shows the actual size of the page.
<Full size>	View page in full size.

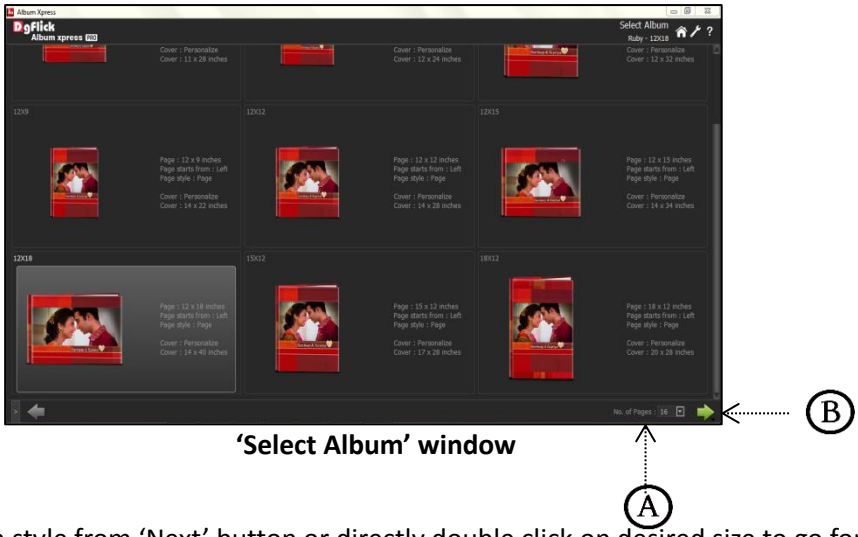
The Process

- In 'Create Album' window, click on 'Ready Sizes' button at bottom right hand corner of the window to select standard categories and sizes for the Album or create custom size. (Refer section Create Album with custom sizes)
- You will be redirected to 'Select Category' window. Here select the category for the album and move on to the next process with the 'Next' button Ⓐ.



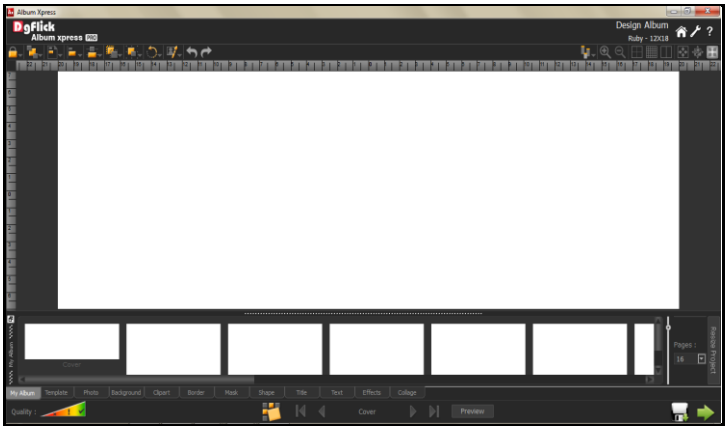
'Select Category' window

- In 'Select Album' window, select size for Album.
- You can choose no of pages for Album from no of pages option Ⓐ.
- Once you select the Album size, you can continue the process with 'Next' button Ⓑ. You will be asked to select the Album style. Select the Album style – Manual and continue with next button.



'Select Album' window

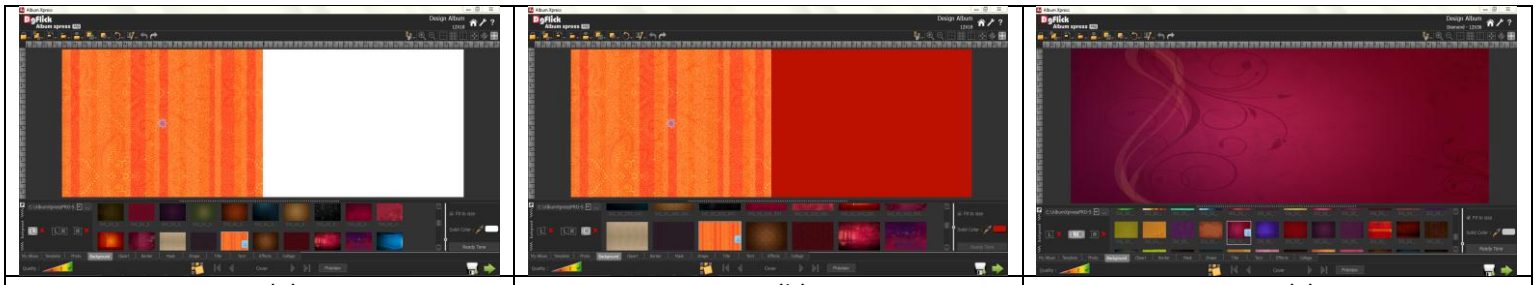
- You can either select Album style from 'Next' button or directly double click on desired size to go for manual creation.
- You will be redirected to 'Design Album' window where you can see blank pages of Album.



'Design Album' window … Album with blank pages

Background Tab

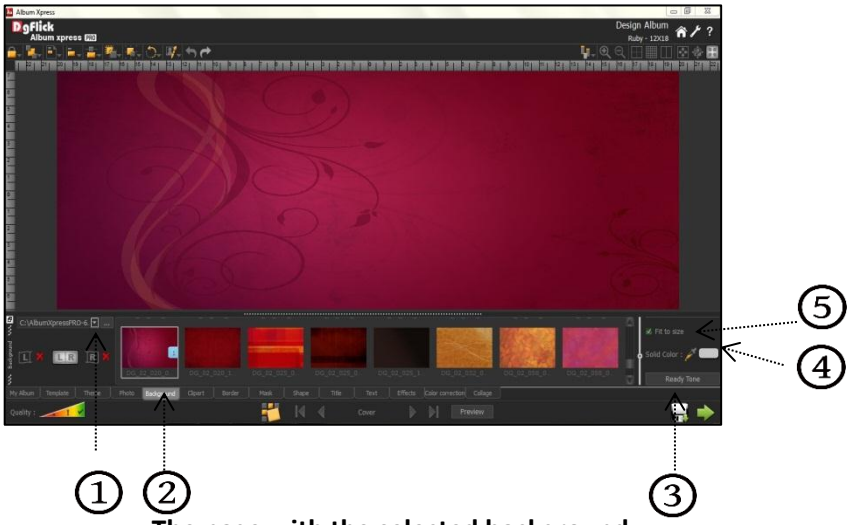
- Click on the 'Background' tab ② on the option bar to select the background for the Album or to fill it with any solid color.
- Besides the in-built backgrounds, you could access and select backgrounds that you have saved elsewhere by clicking on the 'Browse' button ①. The last 15 paths used can be viewed.



(a)	(b)	(c)

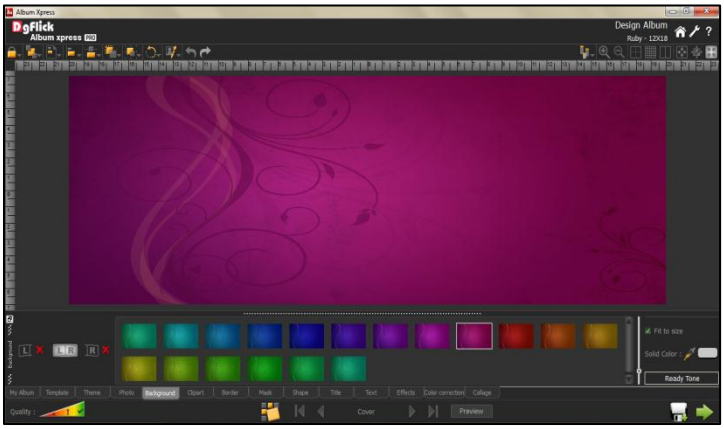
Applying the background on the (a) left page; (b) solid color on right page; and (c) on both left and right pages

- Click on to apply the background on the left side of the page, click on the to apply background on both the pages and click on to apply it on the right side. To delete the background on either side, click on .
- To use a background, double click on it or drag and drop it on the canvas from the option bar.



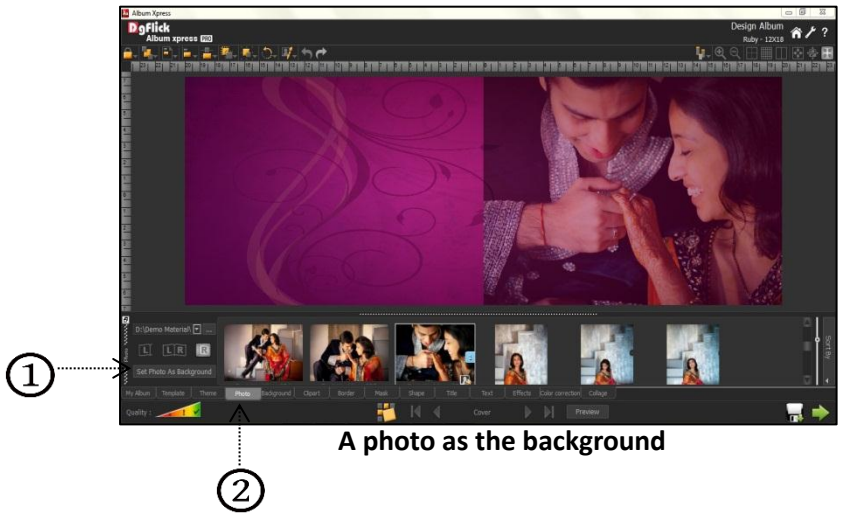
The page with the selected background

- Uncheck the 'Fit to size' check box ⑤ on the Background tab to expand the background on the page.
- To fill the canvas with one single solid color, click on 'Color Picker' ④ and place it on the color you wish to use as background for the Album. The whole page now gets a background of that color.
- Click on the 'Ready Tone' button ③ on the Background tab to select from a range of 18 ready tones available for each background.
- To change the tone, double click on the chosen tone.



The background with its ready tone changed

- You could also use a photo of your choice as the background for the Album page. To do this, click on the 'Photo' tab ② to view the photos. Select the photo and click on 'Set Photo as Background' ① at the top and then double click on the photo. The photo now serves as a background to the page.



A photo as the background

Photo Tab

- Click on the 'photo' tab (A) on the 'Design Album' window to access the photos of your choice.
- You could browse photos and even access the last 15 paths you have used.

'Design Album' window …. Photo added

- Sort the photos by clicking on 'Sort By' button (B).
- To use a photo, either double click on it or drag and drop it on the canvas.

Rotating Photos

- Rotating photos in an Album keeping the creative design in mind adds to the overall presentation of the pages. Album Xpress gives you the option of either rotating the photo within the frame or rotating the whole picture along with the frame.
- To rotate the photo within the frame: keep your cursor on the rotate icon that is seen when you select a photo. Once the 'hand' symbol appears use the mouse to rotate it in the direction of your choice.
- To rotate the photo along with the frame: 'Unlock' the photo by clicking on . Now keep your cursor on and use the mouse to rotate the photo with the frame when the 'hand' appears.

(a) (b)

Rotating: (a) the photo in the frame; (b) the photo with the frame

Zooming In/Out

- While working on the Album you can focus attention on a specific area of the page by zooming in or take a look at the 'larger picture' by zooming out. You can use a combination of these options to obtain the desired level of accuracy on the page.

(a) (b)

(a) Zooming in; (b) zooming out

- Click on the photo you want to work on and then use the scroll wheel of the mouse to zoom in or zoom out as per your requirement.

Panning

- Panning lets you view specific areas of the photo by moving the photo up or down and sideways in the document window. This gives to access to the areas that would otherwise remain obscure given the size of the photo.
- Place the cursor over , which then changes to or the 'hand symbol'. Now use your mouse to take hold of the photo and move it around to get to the area you wish to work on.

Swapping Photos

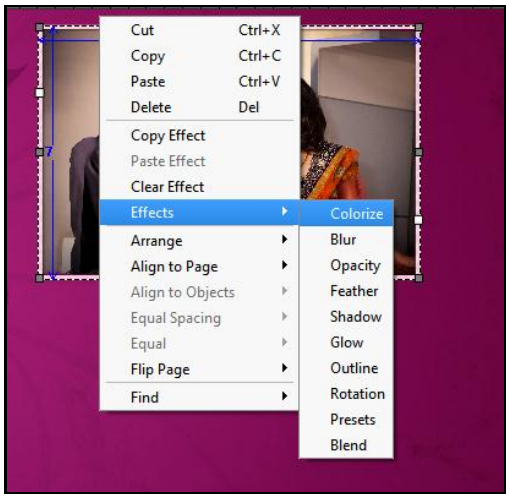
- Many a times you need to swap photos on a page as you go along to. However, the borders if applied to the photos do not get swapped.
- Select the photos you wish to swap by keeping the ctrl key pressed. When both the photos are selected the 'Swap' icon appears . Click on the icon to swap the photos.

Right Clicking

- While working on Album Xpress, you could use the right click button to get several options right then and there.
- Right clicking outside photos: As seen in image, right clicking outside photos lets you access the following options directly:
  - The 'Effects' option- Give effects like Colorize, Blur, Opacity, Feather, Shadow Glow, Outline, Rotation, Presets and Blend.
  - The 'Flip' option to flip the page either vertically or horizontally.

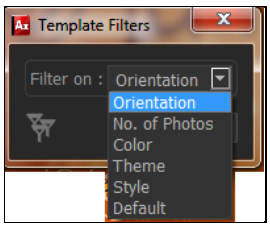
Right clicking outside photos

- Right clicking on the photos: Using right click after selecting a photo lets you access the following options directly:
  - Cut, copy, paste (in case an element has been copied) and delete.
  - The 'Effects' option- Give effects like Colorize, Blur, Opacity, Feather, Shadow, Glow, Outline, Rotation, Presets and Blend and copy, paste and clear effect.
  - Arrange objects- Send to Back, Send Backward, Bring to Front and Bring Forward.
  - Align to page- Top Left, Top Center and so on.
  - The 'Flip' option to flip the page either vertically or horizontally.
  - The 'Find' option to find the source of the object.



Right clicking on the photos

- From the 'template bank' you can filter your search and get the templates as per your requirements by clicking on . The categories are: Orientation, No. of Photos, Color, Theme, Style and the Default option.

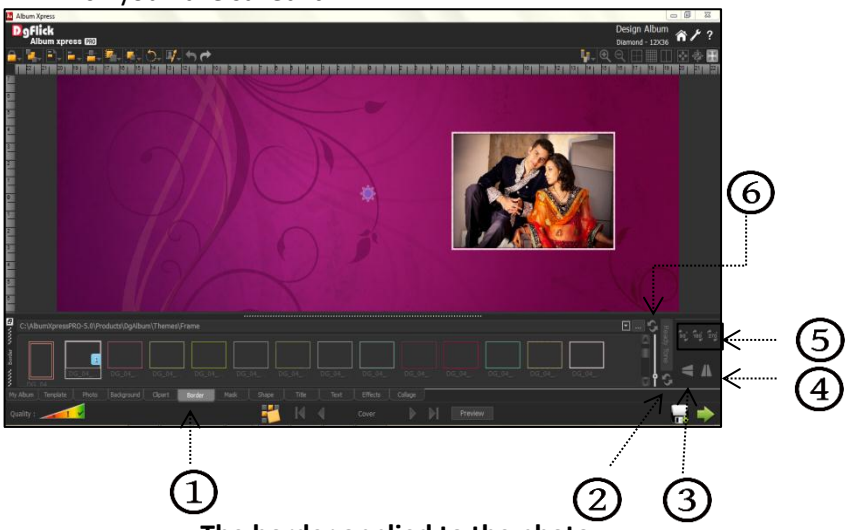


- Once the category is chosen the options under that category can be viewed in the drop-down box to the left of the category icon. Select your subcategory to further refine your search for suitable templates. Album Xpress comes loaded with more than 2,000 ready-to-use templates and thus it gives you a wide variety of templates to choose from.

Border

- Click on 'Border' tab ① on the 'Design Album' window to select the border that you want for the photo.

- You could select a border from the options, Album Xpress displays for you or you could browse and select a border of your choice from the path in which you have saved it.



The border applied to the photo

- Double click on the border or drag and drop the border on the photo to apply.
- You could change the color of the border to better suit the photo by clicking on the 'Ready Tone' button. There are 18 ready tones available for use.
- Reset the border with the 'Reset' button⑥.
- Choose the ready tone you want and double click on it to apply it to the photo border.

(a)

(b)

Applying a ready tone to the border: (a) The original border; (b) the ready tones

- You can transform these borders freely on the page.

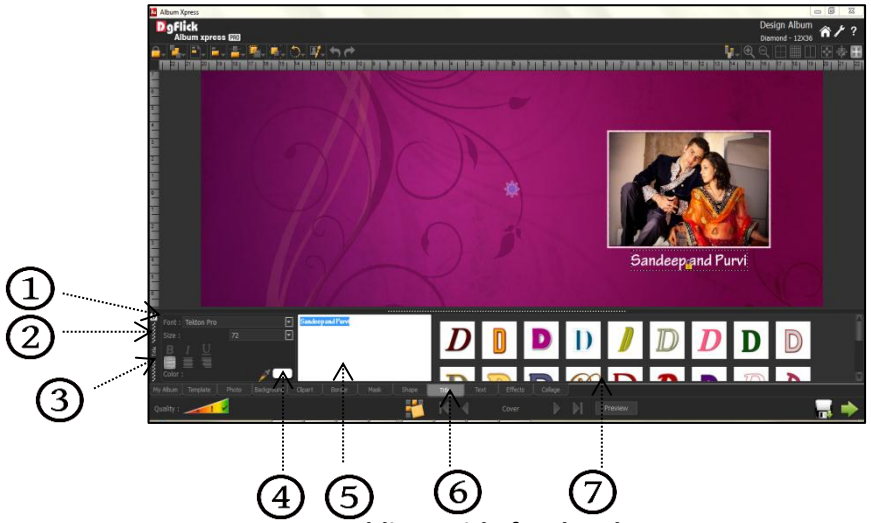
! Additional icons on the 'Design Album' – Border tab:

- 'Reset'②: To reset the ready tone.
- 'Flip Vertical'③: To flip the border vertical.
- 'Flip Horizontal'④: To flip the border horizontally.
- 'Rotate CW90'⑤: To rotate the border 90 degrees.

- 'Rotate CW180'⑤: To rotate the border 180 degrees.
- 'Rotate CW270'⑤: To rotate the border 270 degrees.

Title

- Click on the 'Title' tab ⑥to add or amend a title for the photo.
- The empty white field ⑤can be used to type in the title you wish to add for the photo.

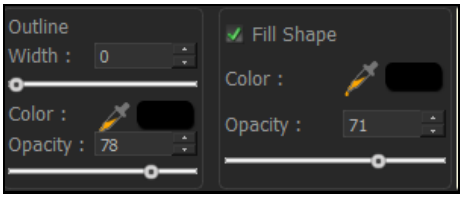


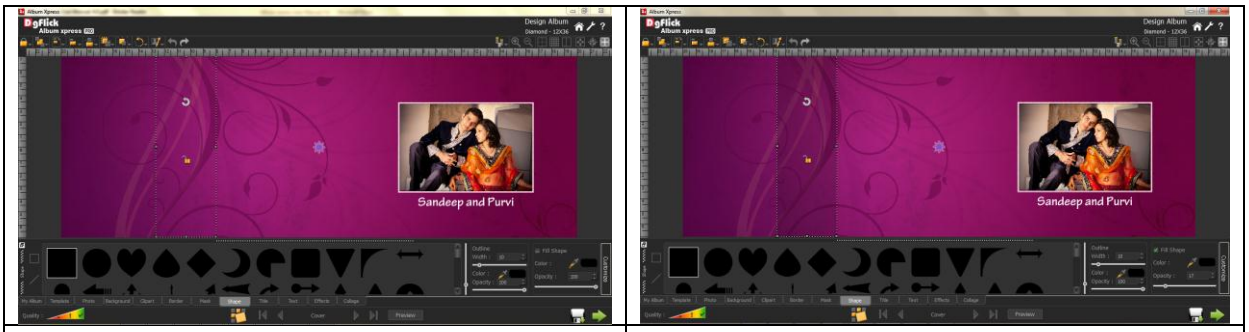
Adding a title for the photo

- You can change the following parameters for the title:
  - Font from font dropdown menu①,
  - Font size from size dropdown menu②,
  - Style from various style options③,
  - Font Color from color palette or color picker④,
  - Ready presets can be used from available options⑦.

Shape

- Click 'Shape' tab on the option bar to select a shape you would like to add to decorate the page.
- Double click on the shape or drag and drop onto the canvas.
- You can align and resize the shape or rotate it using icon on the shape.
- To customize the shape according to your taste, click on 'Customize' option.
- After clicking on 'Customize' option, more options will get visible. Use the sliders on the new window to modify the shape to suit your requirements.
- Use the 'Color Picker' to pick any color from the screen for your shape.

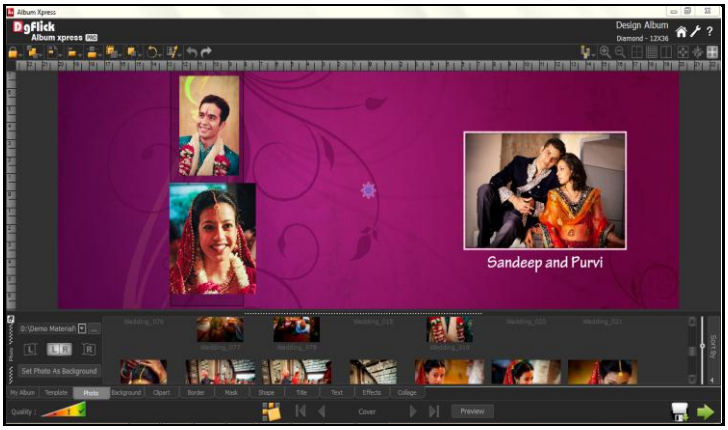




(a)	(b)

(a) Shape added from the 'Shape' tab; (b) Shape customized with the 'Customize' option

- Now we will add some photos to Album page and place them on the shape. And then will use equal size tool to make two or more photos of a same size.



'Design Album' window …. Photos added

- Select the photo and adjust its width and height manually as per your design. Now select the same photo and select other photos which you want to bring to current photo size and use 'Equal Size' tool.

'Design Album' window … using Equal size option

Effects

- To apply effects to the Album pages; click on 'Effects' tab Ⓐ on the option bar.

- There are 10 different options under this category. They are: Colorize, Blur, Opacity, Feather, Shadow, Glow, Outline, Rotation, Presets and Blend.

  - **Colorize**①**:** Click on the photo to be modified and then click on the colorize preset to apply the effect to the photo. To manually make changes or customize, click on 'Custom' Ⓑ and change the color, opacity and level using 'Color Picker' and sliders.

  - **Blur**②**:** You could give a blurred appearance to some photos to make the page more visually appealing. Click on the photo you need to blur and then select the preset of your choice under this option. Click on 'Custom'Ⓑ to increase or decrease the level or blurriness using the slider.

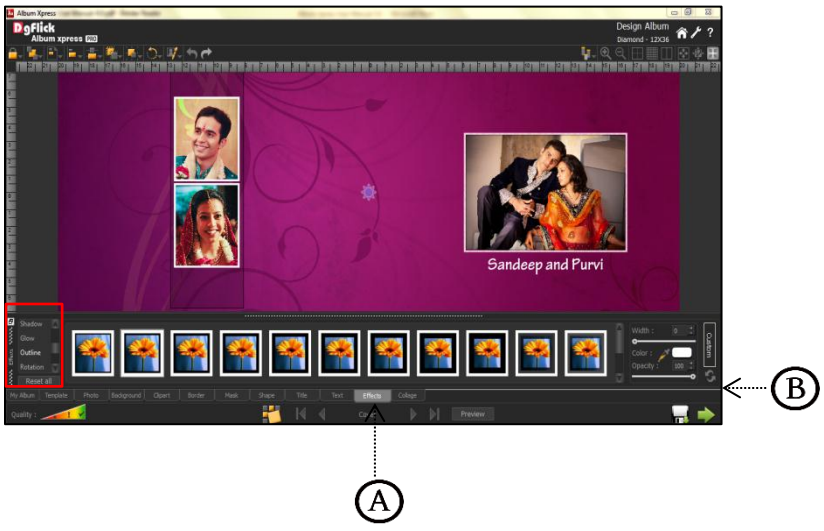
  - **Opacity**③**:** Add opacity to the photos by selecting the presets available under this option. You could also manually choose the level of opacity by clicking on 'Custom'Ⓑ.

  - **Feather:** ④ Apply the feather effect to the photos by clicking on the photo and then selecting the preset of your choice. Click on 'Custom'Ⓑ to manually change the values of the feather using the slider.

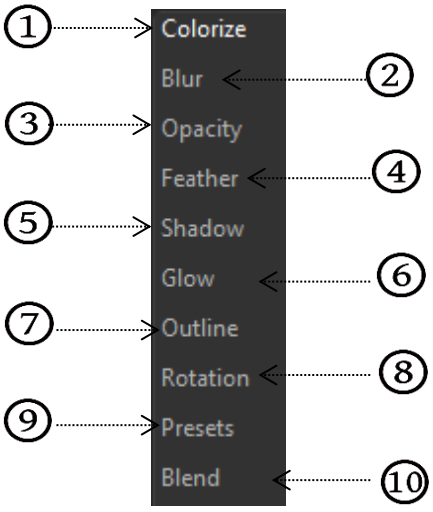
  - **Shadow**⑤**:** To apply the shadow effect to the photos, click on 'Shadow' and then choose from the available presets. You could customize your 'shadow' by clicking on 'Custom' Ⓑ and then applying the shadow by doing settings manually.

  - **Glow**⑥**:** Apply the required presets under the 'Glow' option by clicking on the photo and then clicking on the preset. Apply your own settings by clicking on the 'Custom' button Ⓑ and changing your blur, color and opacity values.

  - **Outline**⑦**:** Select the photo and click on the preset of your choice to apply the outline. To customize the outline, click on 'Custom'Ⓑ. Then, create the outline of your choice by filling in the values in these fields.



'Design Album' window … Applying Outline Effect to the photo



Available effects

  - **Rotation**⑧**:** The photos on the Album page can be rotated using the predefined presets under the 'Rotation' option. Click on 'Custom' Ⓑ to change the values for the x, y and z axis and give the photo a 3-D effect. You could also flip the photo horizontally and vertically by using and , respectively.

- **Presets⑨:** This option gives you certain in-built effects that you could use for the photos. Click on the photo and then click on the desired preset to apply it.

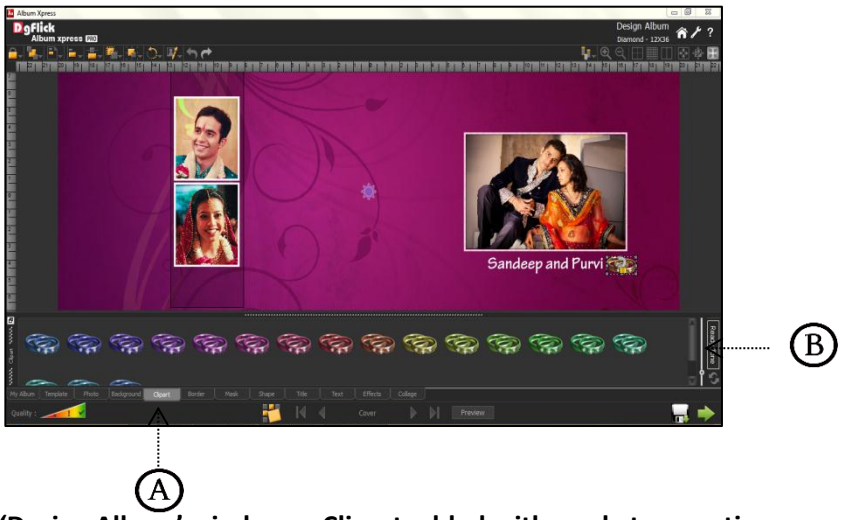
- **Blend⑩:** There are 12 blending modes that help you achieve the desired effect for the photo. Click on the photo and then select the blend option of your choice to apply.

Right Clicking

While creating the Album, at any point, you could select a photo and use the right click to access the 'Effects' option directly. You could also copy and paste effects from one photo to another and clear existing effects on a photo.

Clipart

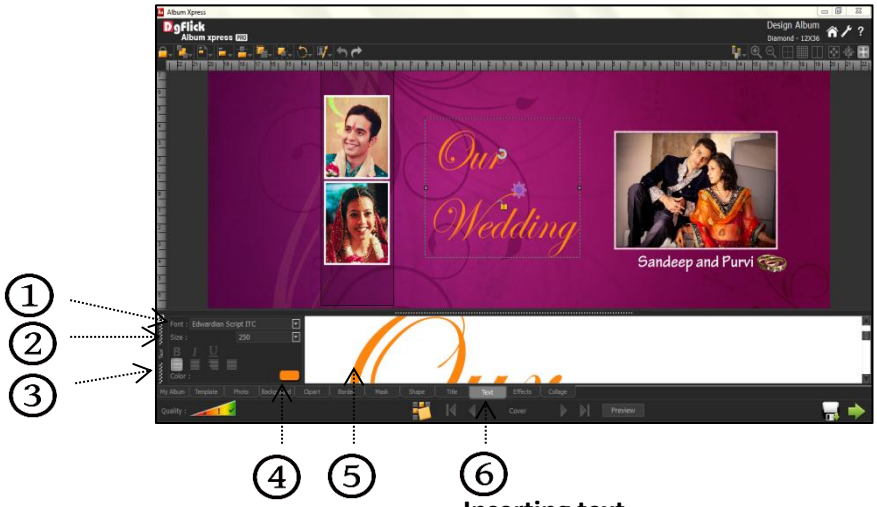
- Click on the 'Clipart' tab Ⓐ on the option bar for a listing on the available clip-arts.
- Double click on the clip-art of your choice or drag and drop it onto the canvas to use it on the page.
- You could even use your own clip-arts by accessing them using ..., where the last 15 paths accessed are available.
- Click on 'Ready Tone' button Ⓑ to access the ready tones for the clip-arts. There are 18 ready tones available for each clipart and you could use the color of your choice depending on your page setup by double clicking on the ready tone.



'Design Album' window … Clipart added with ready tone options

Text

- Click on the 'Text' tab ⑥ on the option bar to insert text to describe the photos on your page, if required.
- You could add text and change its look by using different options available on the tab.
- The empty white field ⑤ can be used to type in the title you wish to add for the photo.



Inserting text

- You can change the following parameters for the title:
  - Font from font dropdown menu①,
  - Font size from size dropdown menu②,
  - Style from various style options③,
  - Font Color from color palette④,

Mask

- Click the 'Mask' tab on the option bar to select the mask of your choice.
- Select the photo to which you want to apply the mask and double click on the mask or drag and drop the mask on the photo to apply it. You could even access the previous 15 paths.

Applying a 'mask' to the photo

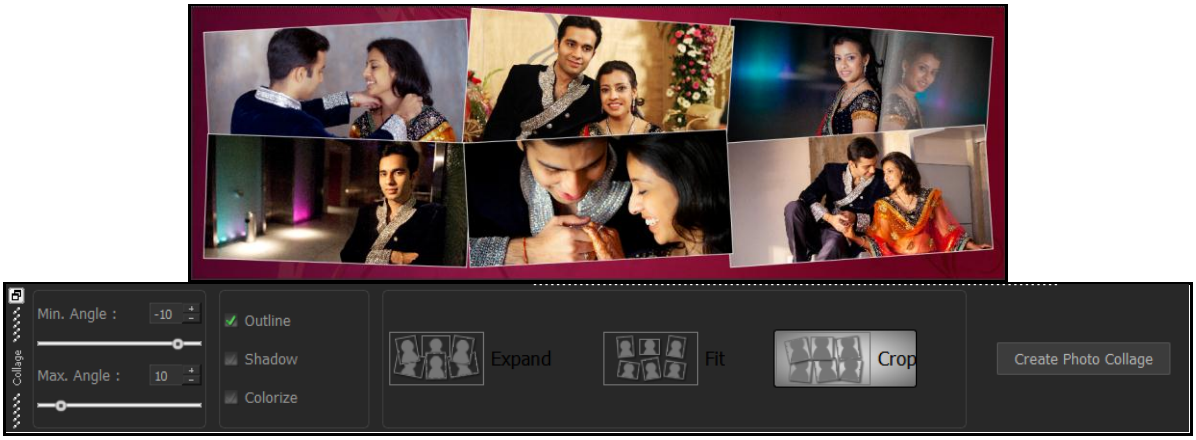
- You can transform these masks freely on the page.

! Additional Icons on 'Mask' tab

- 'Reset'①: To reset the changes.
- 'Rotate CW90'②: To rotate the border 90 degrees.
- 'Rotate CW180'②: To rotate the border 180 degrees.
- 'Rotate CW270'②: To rotate the border 270 degrees.
- 'Flip Vertical'③: To flip the border vertical.
- 'Flip Horizontal'③: To flip the border horizontally.

Collage

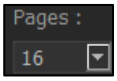
- Album Xpress provides you with the facility of creating a collage of your remaining unused photos in the Album.
- Insert the photos you want to include in your collage by going to on the options bar.
- To create a collage with the photos, click on 'Collage' tab on the options bar.
- Expanded collage will be created with Expand option. Here the photographs get overlapped that too with uneven sizes. Click on to create the photo collage to see the expand effect.



The 'Cropped' collage design

- 'Fit' option in collage tab will help you to design collage page without much overlap. Create Photo Collage button should be press to apply the changes.
- Crop the photos and then form a collage with 'Crop'. The photos will set in the same size on the page.
- Click on Background tab on the option panel to apply the background for the collage. Double click on the desired background or drag and drop it.
- You could alter the maximum and minimum angles of tilt for the photos by using the sliders for the angles or by manually inserting the values in the value boxes. Then click on to create photo collage.
- After the photos are inserted on all the Album pages, the Album is ready and you could make the final modifications to it before moving on to printing.

My Album

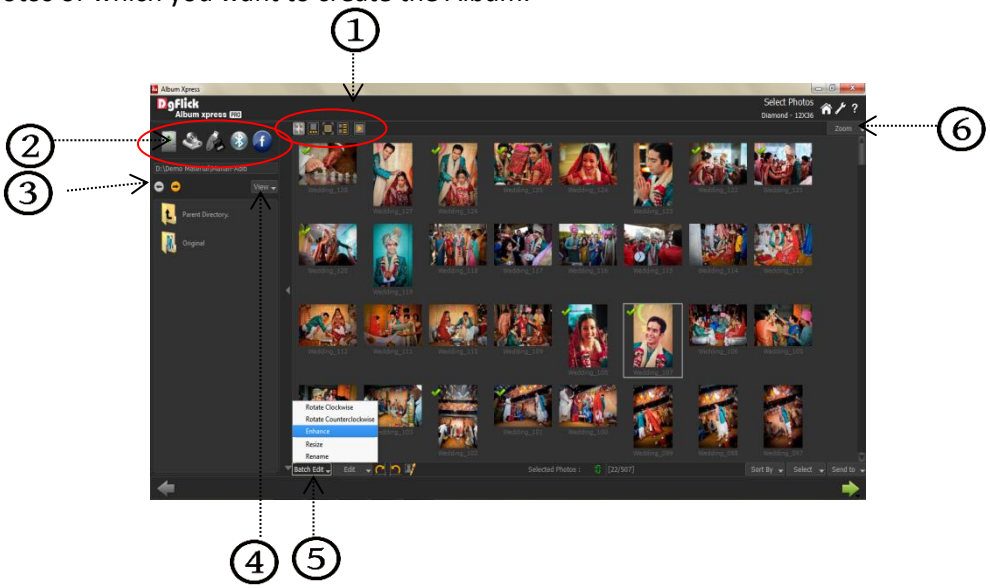
- As you design one page after the other, you can view the Album page wise on My Album tab.
- You can alter the number of pages in the Album by clicking on 

, where you have the choice of selecting Album pages ranging from 16 to 200.
- For Custom sizes available Album pages are ranging from 16 to 500.
- When you choose to reduce the number of pages, a textbox for confirmation of deletion of pages from the end appears.
- Clicking on 'Yes' will let you proceed as desired.

- In this way the Album is ready to save and Export. (Refer section Saving and Exporting)

Manage the Photos

In this section we will learn how to manage our photos.
After selecting Category, Size and theme, we are redirected to 'Select Photos' window. On the 'Select Photos' window select the photos of which you want to create the Album.



'Select Photo' window …. Batch Edit – Enhance option*

***Note:** Functions marked with * marks are only for PRO version users.*

- On the 'Select Photos' window, you have the option of selecting the photos from ②the

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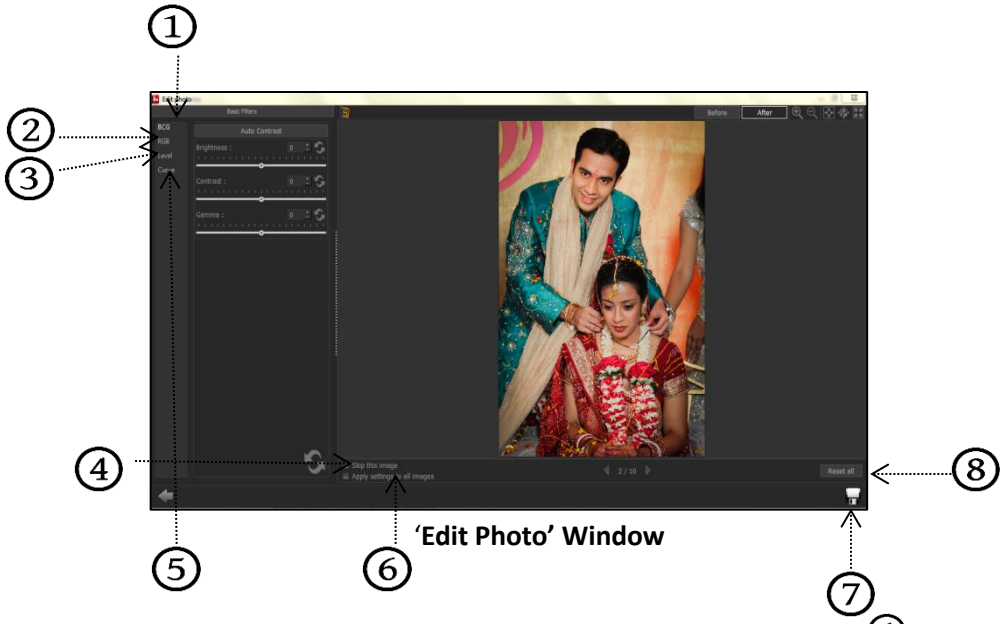
- Select any of the media where the photos have been saved.
- Go forward or backward from here③.
- View your folders in list or icon style from here④.
- This button ⑥ on the top right corner of the Window to zoom in/out the photos.
- The top option bar ①helps you to view the photos in different ways
  - Thumbnail style.
  - Filmstrip view.
  - Navigate the photos from and .
  - To get a full view of the photo.
  - Get the photos list wise.
  - Starts the slide show
- 'Batch Edit' button ⑤at the lower option bar helps you to edit multiple photos at a time.
- Select the photos to be edited and click on 'Batch Edit'.
- Here you can rotate, color correct, resize and rename your multiple photos.

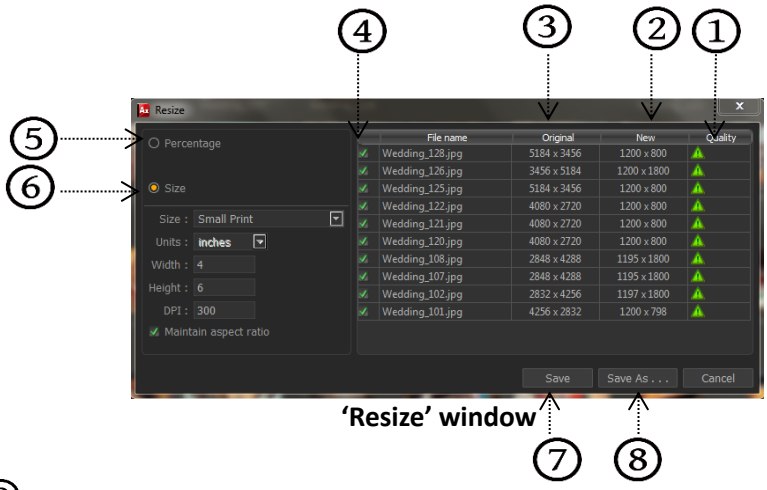
- Select “Rotate Clockwise” or “Rotate Counterclockwise” to rotate the photos.
- Select the photos to be edited and click on “Enhance” option to color correct your multiple photos.
- On the ‘Edit Photo’ Window, click on ‘BCG’ ① is to adjust the brightness, contrast and gamma; ‘RGB’ ② is to adjust the color tones, ‘Level’ ③ is to adjust the input and output levels of the photo; and ‘Curve’ ⑤ is to adjust the RGB color.



‘Edit Photo’ Window

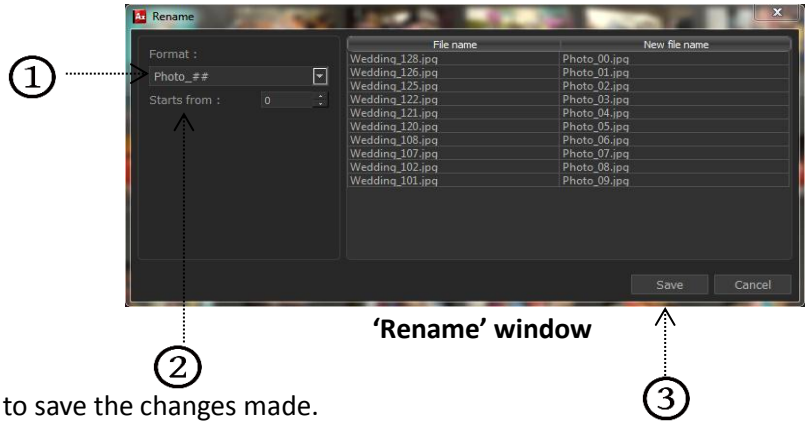
- If you do not wish to apply the changes on the current photo, click on ‘Skip This Image’④.
- To apply changes to all the selected photos, click on ‘Apply settings to all images’⑥.
- Click on ‘Reset all’ button ⑧ to reset all the changes done.
- Click on ‘Save’ ⑦ to save all the changes made.
- Clicking on Save will create a folder for original image and will save the changes made on the copy of the image, without affecting the original image.
- Select ‘Resize’ option to change the size of the photos.
- Check the green checkbox ④ of the photos to be resized and select the desired percentage from ‘Percentage’⑤ tab if you want to resize the photos percentage wise.
- From the ‘Original’ ③ and ‘New’ ② tab you can see the changes applied. The ‘Quality’ tab ① indicates the quality of the photo. The quality of photos used here must be good to ensure clarity in the final product.
- Album Xpress has an in-built ‘Quality Indicator’, which warns you whenever the photo quality goes below the required standards.
- Go to ‘Size’⑥ tab if you want to resize the photos size wise.
- Select the custom option from size tab if you want to give your customized size to the photo.

- After resizing the photo click on 'Save' ⑦ to overwrite the changes over the existing photos.



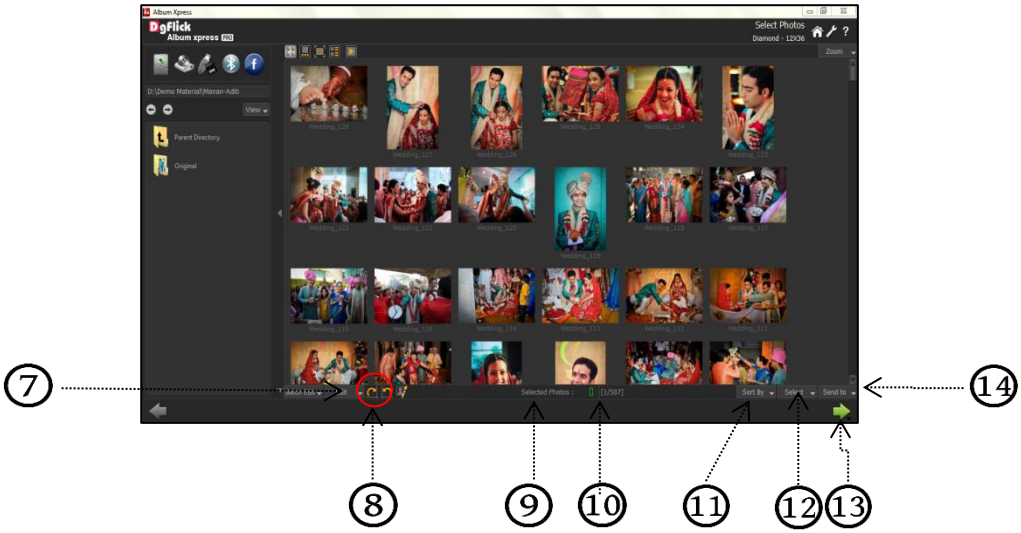
'Resize' window

- Clicking on 'Save as' ⑧ will save the changes done on the photo with a different name.
- Select the 'Rename' option to rename the photos.
- Manually change the photo name format from format ① option.
  OR
- From 'Starts From' option ② you can change the count of the photos.



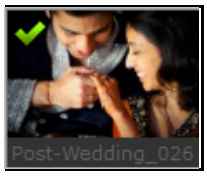
'Rename' window

- Click on 'Save' ③ to save the changes made.
- From 'Edit' button ⑦ you can rotate, resize, rename and enhance your individual photos.(For Enhance option Refer section Fine Tuning - Photo Editing)
- In 'Select Photo' window, you can rotate the photos clockwise or anticlockwise in a single click with these 'Rotate' icons ⑧.
- You can edit photo easily with this 'Edit photo' option .
- 'Selected Photos' ⑨ shows number of photos selected.
- ⑩ Here it indicates the position of highlighted photo.
- Sort the photos in various ways from 'Sort By' button ⑪.
- Select individual, multiple or all photos or deselect selected photos with this 'Select' button ⑧.



'Select Photo' window

- Send your edited photos to your Facebook account or any hard disk folder from 'Send to' option(14).
- Select the required photos; the selected ones have the green tick mark on the top left corner of the photo.



- After selecting the photos and setting its arrangements click on 'Next' button(13) to go to 'Design Album' window, where you can view the Album ready with the selected parameters and can also make any changes if required with the help of various tabs available.

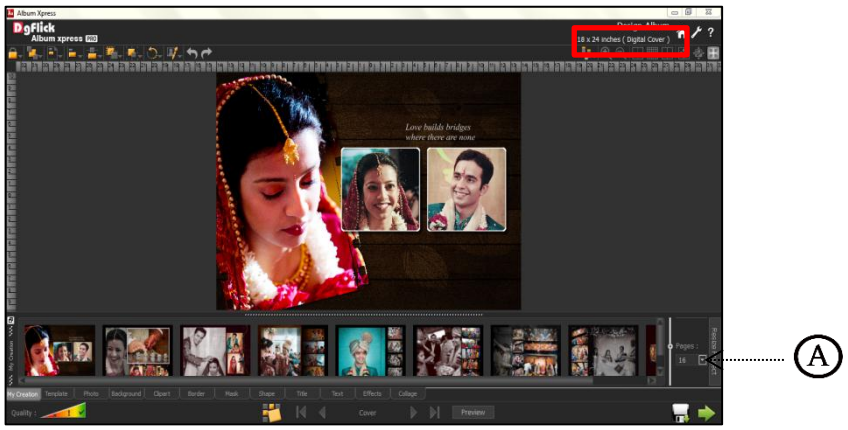
Note: *Functions marked with * marks are only for PRO version users.*

Resizing the Album

Many a times, after the Album is done or while it is being designed, you might wish to resize it to another set of specifications. This is where the 'Resize the Album' function available in Album Xpress comes to your aid.

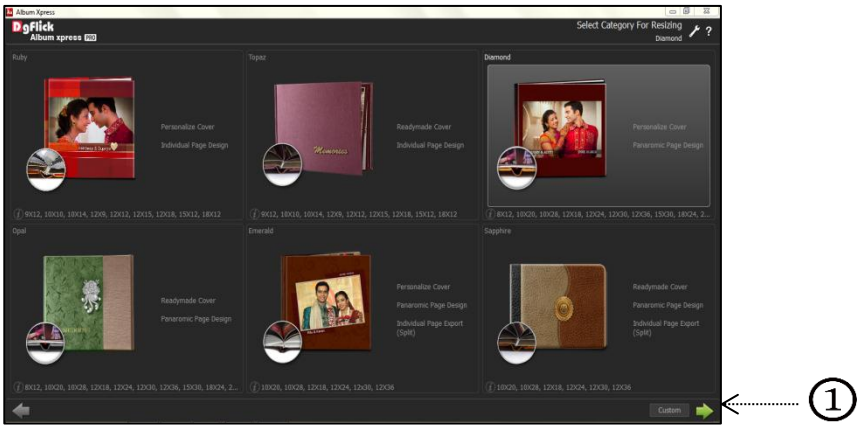
The Process

- Let's say, as an example, that you are using 'Custom size', size 18 X 24 for the Album.



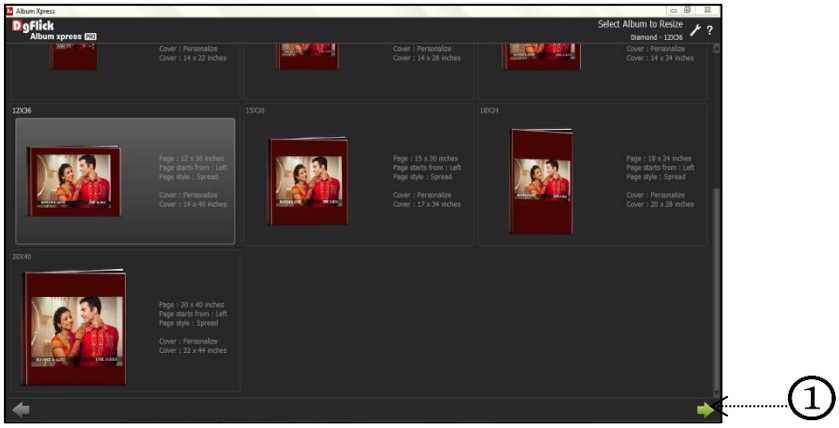
'Design Album' using 'Custom Size' 18 X 24

- Click on 'Resize Album' Ⓐ on the template tab to change the size of the Album.
- On the next window – 'Select Category for Resizing' – select the category that you want to resize the Album into, say 'Diamond' and then click on 'Next' button. ①



'Select Category for Resizing' – 'Diamond'

- Next, select the size you require on the 'Select Album to Resize' page, for example, size 12 X 18.
- Click on 'Next' button① to resize the project.



'Select Album to Resize' – size 12 X 36

- The Album is now resized to category of your choice, the resized category and size can be seen on the top right hand corner of the 'Design Album' window.
- In same way you can resize any created Album in any category and size.

The new category applied to the Album

! At any point during the process, you could click on the 'Back' button to go back to the previous page.

Nuts and Bolts – Templates, Themes and Décors

This section deals with various available features of template and guides you on how to get more, import as well as Save, Build, share and delete templates and themes.

Software Templates, Themes and Décors

Album Xpress has varieties of inbuilt templates, Themes and decor options, which offer a wide range of choices in designing Albums. The features are listed here:

- Album Xpress has more than 2,000 ready-to-use templates, which can be accessed by clicking on the 'Template' tab on the option bar. Moreover, these templates come along with the software pack.
- You can design each page of the Album in a unique manner by applying templates and themes to the right and left pages. The templates and themes can be dragged and dropped on to the pages of the Album and this gives you unlimited possibilities in page design.
- Album Xpress also has a huge collection of decor options for Album designing. These include a variety of backgrounds, cliparts, frames, masks and shapes that help you to present the Album pages in a more artistic and eye-catching manner.
- Besides the inbuilt decor option Album Xpress also allows you to use your own backgrounds, borders, cliparts and masks. Any PNG and JPG file can be used as a clipart or as a background and masks or borders can be used directly on the Album pages.
- Backgrounds, borders and cliparts are made available by a single click of the mouse. Besides, 18 ready-to-use color tones are available for each of these elements and you can change the color of your elements to match the page color. This option is available even for your imported decor.
- PSD templates can be converted to Ax templates for use while designing the Album. DgFlick also provides PSD to Ax converter application free of cost. To download, visit www.dgflick.com. This software can be used for layer-by-layer conversion of existing Photoshop templates to Ax templates.

  ! You could download utility from www.dgflick.com or buy relevant CDs/ DVDs.

- DgFlick releases new template volumes every month to make Album Xpress more and more versatile for the user. These templates and themes can be downloaded or they can be bought in the form of CDs/DVDs.

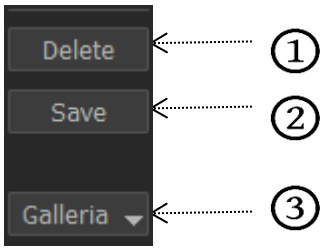
- The versatility of Album Xpress enables you to create and save your own templates and themes for future use. Existing templates and themes can be modified and saved as new templates and themes or new templates and themes can be created from scratch using your own or DgFlick's decor elements. These can then be saved as templates and themes for later use.

- Album Xpress users in India alone number more than 20,000. With increasing number of users comes the demand for more and more templates and themes. You may 'Build'* your templates and themes in an installable format and these can then be shared with * or sold to other users worldwide.

Note: *Functions marked with * are only for PRO version users.*

Customize Your Template

This section explains how templates and themes can be imported, saved, built, shared or deleted in Album Xpress. The versatility of Album Xpress lies in the fact that it gives you a wide range of ready-to-use templates and themes to choose from besides letting you create or modify templates and themes according to your choice. Moreover, templates and themes can be imported from other locations and built and shared* with other Album Xpress users worldwide.



! Save, Build, Share and Delete options are available in the PRO version.

Get More and Import

Get More

- DgFlick adds new template collection on the website on regular basis. You can add these templates to your software.

- On 'Design Album' window, Click on 'Galleria'③. Click on 'Get More' Button to access more templates from the DgFlick website.

- You are now routed to www.dgflick.com from where you can download the templates of your choice and proceed to creating the Album.

Note: *Same option is also available for themes.*

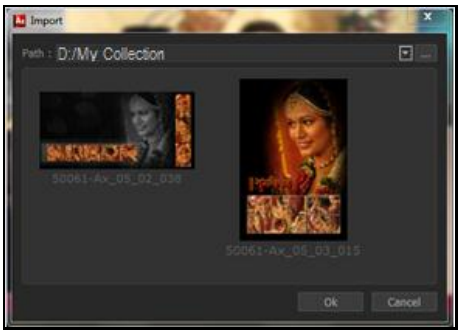
Import

- Album Xpress software provides you the facility to use your own created or downloaded templates in design creation.

- For that you need to import your templates into the software.

- On 'Design Album' window, Click on 'Galleria'③. Click on 'Import' Button to Import templates.

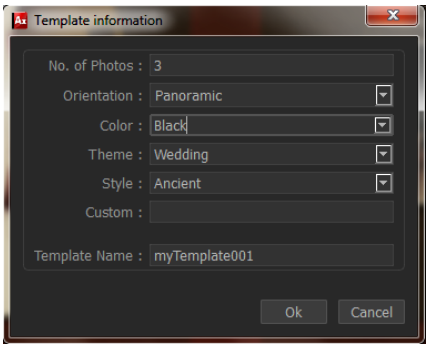
- Access the folder containing your templates by clicking on the browse button and selecting the location.
- The 15 paths accessed immediately before this instance are saved in the path list box and can be accessed by clicking on the path.
- Now select the templates from the location and click 'OK' to import them to the Template tab. Now you can apply the same in the Album.



The 'Import' templates window

Save and Build *

- Album Xpress gives you the option of building templates of your own. You can also share them with other users. This option is available only to the users of the Album Xpress PRO version.
- To start with the building process, you need to first save the template that you want to build.
- Create the template and click on 'Save' ② at the bottom of the option bar to save the template.
- In the textbox that appears; enter the template information pertaining to the parameters (except the parameter according to which the template has been filtered).
- These include: No. of Photos, Orientation, Color, Theme, Style, Type and Custom. Depending on the orientation and no. of photos used in the template, here the orientation and no. of photos get detected automatically. You can also enter a name for your template in the relevant box.



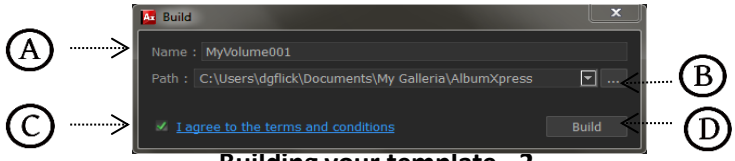
Template information while saving your template

- Click on 'Ok' to proceed and on 'Cancel' to quit the process.
- To proceed with the building of your templates, click on 'Build'.

Building your template – 1

- On the 'Build' window, select the templates and then click on 'Build'.

- In the text box that appears in next window, specify the name of the folder Ⓐ in which you wish to save it and the path Ⓑ where you want to place it.



Building your template - 2

- If the path is not specified, the built volume is saved in the following path by default: My Documents\My Galleria\Album Xpress.
- Check the box Ⓒ next to 'I agree to the terms and conditions' and proceed to click on 'Build' Ⓓ.

! If you do not agree to the terms and conditions, close the textbox and quit the building process.

- One text box will appear which will inform you about successful buildup of templates. Click on the 'OK' button to continue with saving, else click on 'Open' to access the created template.

! At any point during the process, you could click on the 'Back' button to go back to the previous Album.
***Note:** Some features are available only for the Album Xpress PRO version.*

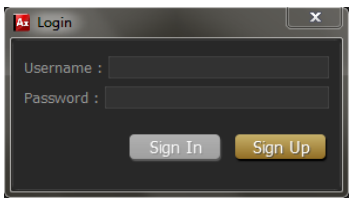
***Note:** Same option is also available for themes.*

Share*

- Templates that have been created can be shared with other users by means of the 'Share' option available with Album Xpress. This option is available only to the users of the Album Xpress PRO version.
- Click on 'Share' in 'Template' tab in 'Design Album' window to share the template that you have created.
- Select the templates you wish to share and then click on the 'Share' Template.
- The templates are shared on DgFlick's website.

'Share' window …. Sharing your template

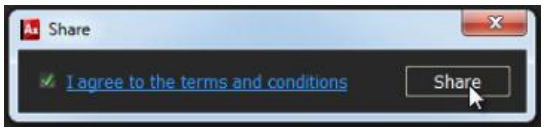
- You need to log into your account using your username and password to be able to share templates.



Sharing your template – login Album

- After entering your details, click on the 'Sign In' button to access your account. If you do not have a username and password, click on 'Sign Up' to start an account with DgFlick.

- On completion of the login process, a textbox asking if you agree to the terms and conditions of template sharing appears.



Sharing your template – terms and conditions

- If yes, accept the terms and conditions and then click on 'Share' to share the templates you have created and selected for sharing.

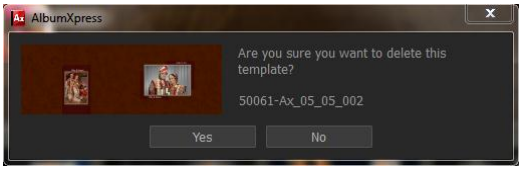
! If you do not agree to the terms and conditions, close the textbox and quit the sharing process.
! At any point during the process, you could click on the 'Back' button to go back to the previous window.

***Note:** Some features are available only for the Album Xpress PRO version users.*
***Note:** Same option is also available for themes.*

Delete*

Besides building and sharing, Album Xpress also gives you the option of deleting any template that you no longer wish to retain in your template bank.

- To delete a template, select the template that you wish to delete.
- Click on 'Delete' ① at the bottom of the Template tab.
- A textbox asking for confirmation for deletion appears.
- Click on 'Yes' to proceed with the deletion, else click on 'No' to abort the process.



'Design Album' window …. 'Template' tab …. Deleting Template

***Note:** Some features are available only for the Album Xpress PRO version users.*
***Note:** Same option is also available for themes.*

Building the Framework – Page Composition

In previous section we learnt how to create Album in in various Album creation styles. In this section we will learn how to align and decorate Album.

Basic Page and Photos

While you are designing the Album, you need flexibility in operations to help you manipulate the photos to achieve the desired layout. Album Xpress gives you this flexibility and more. This section deals with the additional features in the software that helps you in page composition.

Used Photo Indicator
While designing Album you may be dealing with a large number of photos and managing them might turn out to be a cumbersome task. Album Xpress helps you sort the photos and manage them better by indicating the photos that have been used and the number of times they have been used in the Album. This helps you plan the Album with the remaining photos and also avoid using the same photos multiple times without being aware that you are doing so.

Green tab on the photo: This indicates the photos used in Album on other page.

Blue tab on the photo: This indicates the photos used in Album on current page.

Number on the tab: This indicates the number of times the photo has been used in the Album.

Besides these options, photos can be sorted as 'used' and 'unused' by selecting the 'Used' button on the 'Sort By' button.

Find Photo/Décor

After you are done with an Album, if you need to return to it re-edit later on, you can find the source photographs, borders and mask by simply right clicking on the photo on the Album.
Moreover, all the photos appearing on an Album can be identified by the blue tab on them, as described earlier.

The 'Find' option for finding the source of photos, borders and masks

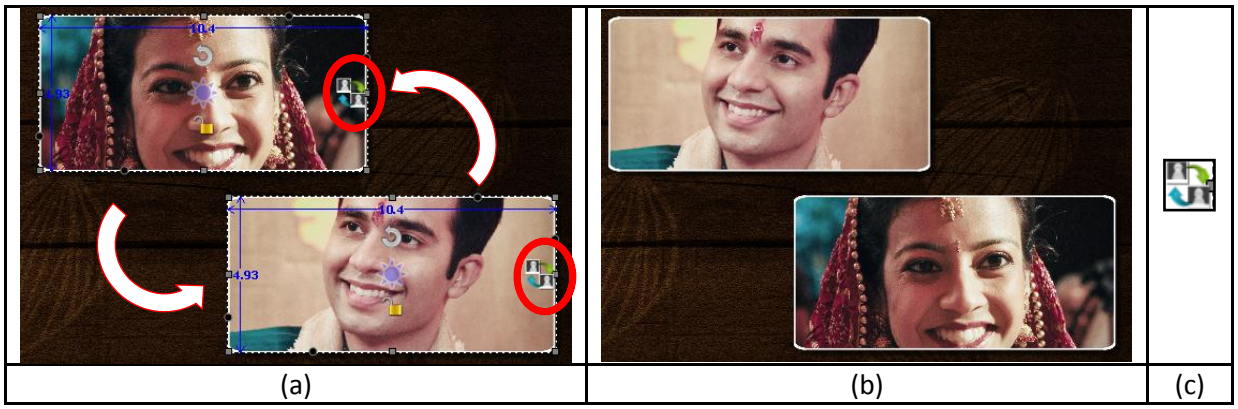
Use Photo as Background

Album Xpress provided you with many backgrounds with its ready tone for the photos. Even you can add your own backgrounds from your hard disk. However, in some instances, to personalize the Album, you might wish to use a photo as a background for an Album. This can be done in an instant using the software.
Just select the photo you want to use as background and choose the 'Set Photo as Background' option under the 'Photos' tab on the options bar. The photo is now set as a background.

Setting a photo as background for the Album

Swap Photos

While working on an Album, you might want to swap photos to achieve the desired effect on the Album. Album Xpress lets you do this by just a single click. Just select the photos to be swapped using the Ctrl key. Then click on to swap the photos. This is particularly useful to fit a portrait photo into a portrait frame and vice versa.



(a) (b) (c)

Swapping photos (a) Original photos, (b) Swapped Photos, (c) Swap Icon

Lock and Unlock Photos

Album Xpress generally 'locks' photo on the Album to ensure precise designing. This ensures that changes do not happen on the photos by mistake while one is working on the Album. Clicking on the 'lock' icon 'unlocks' it and now you can move it or resize it as per your wish.

Resize Photo

Within border: In the 'locked' condition, a photo can be enlarged within its frame, by zooming it and adjusting it in the frame. It can even be panned within the frame.

With border: Once the photo is 'unlocked' by clicking on the icon, the photo can be resized according to your size requirements by moving the nodes.

Ensure that the photo stays within 'printable' limits while increasing the size of the photo. Refer the 'Photo Quality Indicator'.

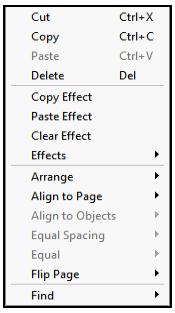
Rotation of Photo

Within border: A photo can be rotated within its frame when it is in the 'locked' state. However, if a border or a mask has been applied to it, it stays in its position while the photo alone rotates within it.

With border: A photo can be rotated along with its border or its mask as a single unit when the photo is in an 'unlocked' state. The photo can now be rotated in all three axis x, y and z to give it a 3D effect.

Copy, Paste and Clear Effects

Album Xpress allows you to cut, copy and paste photos and effects on the photos in the Album. Right click on the element you want to copy and select the 'Copy' option on the drop list. Now paste it on to the location of your choice by right clicking on it and choosing the 'Paste' option.

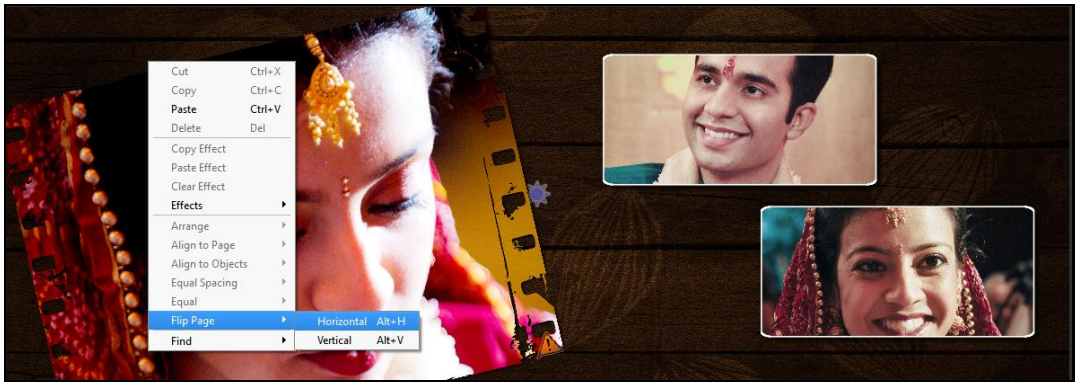


Flip Décor

Decors like border and mask can be flipped horizontally and vertically, with the help of 'Flip' option provided at the bottom in the respective tabs.

Flip Page

- Album Xpress gives you the option of flipping a page both horizontally and vertically as per your requirements.
- Horizontal flip: Right click on the page and select the 'Flip page' option on the drop list. Select 'Horizontal' to flip the page horizontally.



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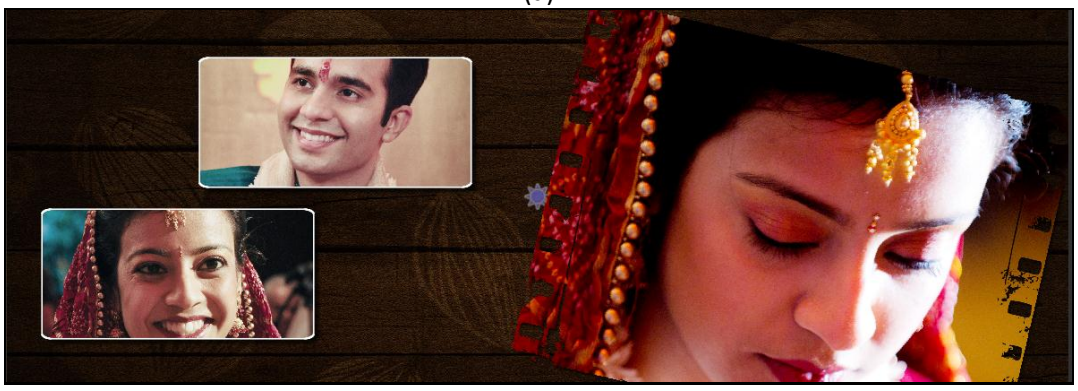

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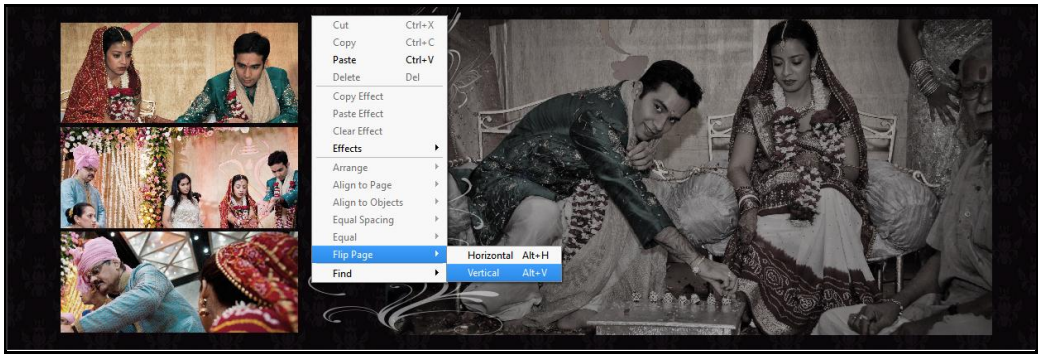
Horizontal flipping (a) before flip (b) after flip

- Vertical flip: Right click on the page and select the 'Flip page' option on the drop list. Select 'Vertical' to flip the page vertically.



(a)

(b)

Vertical flipping (a) Before flip (b) after flip

Advanced Page and Photos

The following are the options available with Album Xpress for advanced page composition.

Grid and Guideline

Album Xpress gives you the option of using grids and other guidelines such as ruler, margins on the Album; you are designing to help you align the Album better and design with ease.

Grids: On the top, right-hand corner of the Album, click on to activate the gridlines on the Album you are working on. The grids on the page allow you to align the photos and other elements on the page accurately.

Gridlines activated on the page

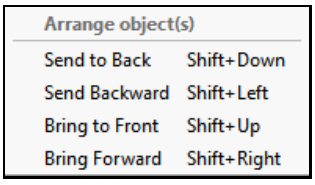
Click on the same icon again to deactivate the grids on the page.

Rulers: On the 'Design Album' window, you can view the rulers at the top and on the left of the page. Double click on the ruler to activate it and then drag and drop the green line that appears on to the page at the desired location to align an element against it. You could work with multiple rulers simultaneously.
Select and delete the rulers to remove them from the page.

Margins and Centerline: On the top, right-hand corner of the page, click on to activate the margins on the page. Similarly, click on to activate the centerline on the page.

Arrange objects

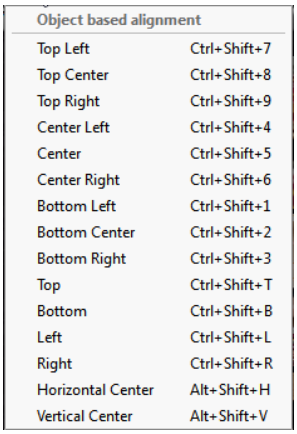
Album Xpress allows you the option of changing the position of an object on the Album i.e. send it backward or forward or to the back or front. Select the photo you wish to move backward or forward and click on to access the options under this function.



Alternatively, use the right click button and on the drop list click on 'Arrange' to access the sub-options. Select the object and click on 'Send to back' or 'Bring to front' to move the element to the last or the first position, respectively. Select 'Send backward' or 'Bring forward' to move the object either one step backward or one step forward. You can undo the changes by clicking on .

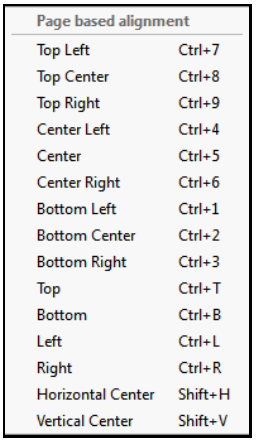
Object-Based Alignment

This option allows you to align photos with respect to other photos or elements on the Album. There are multiple options for this sort of alignment. Select photos or other elements you wish to align using the Ctrl key. Then click on to select the alignment option you wish to apply to the photos from the drop list. Alternatively, use the right click button and on the drop list click on the 'Object-based alignment' to access the sub-options. You can undo the changes by clicking on .



Page-Based Alignment

This option allows you to align photos and other elements on the page with respect to the page. There are multiple options for this sort of alignment. Select photos or other elements you wish to align using the Ctrl key. Then click on to select the alignment option you wish to apply to the photos from the drop list. Alternatively, use the right click button and on the drop list click on 'Page-based alignment' to access the sub-options. You can undo the changes by clicking on .



Fine Tuning –Photo Editing

Album Xpress has inbuilt photo editing tools. You can do basic editing like adjusting brightness and contrast as well as advance editing where chroma removal, lasso cutting, touch up tools will come handy.

Normal Editing

Album Xpress has Basic Filters and Artistic Filters that help in the editing of photos to be used in Albums. Each of these filters includes several options that help you modify the photos to suit your requirements and they add value to the pages without much effort. This section deals with the additional features in Basic Filters and all the features included under Artistic Filters.

Basic Filters

Features such as BCG correction, RGB color modification, Curve, Level, Crop and Rotation will be explained in detail in this section. You could access these options by clicking on 'Basic Filters' tab Ⓑ on the options bar. This section deals with the filters one by one.

'Edit Photo' window **Basic Filters**

BCG (Brightness, Contrast and Gamma) Color Correction

- To adjust the brightness, contrast and gamma of the photo, click on the 'BCG' ① button on the 'Edit Photo' window.
- Move the sliders for the three parameters forward and backward to achieve the desired effect.
- Alternatively, you could enter the values for the parameters in the value boxes above the respective sliders.
- Clicking on the 'Auto Contrast' button Ⓐ at the top will adjust the contrasts automatically
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓑ.

The 'BCG' option

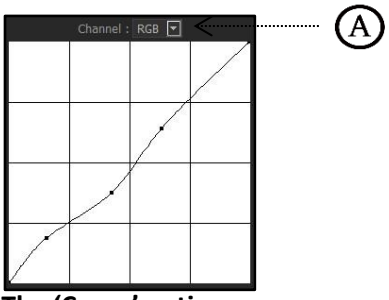
RGB (Red, Green and Blue) Color Correction

- To adjust the color tones of the photos, you could use the 'RGB' ② color correction option.
- Modify the color tone by altering the degree of 'Red', 'Green' and 'Blue' on the color sliders.
- Alternatively, you could enter the values manually in the value boxes above the respective sliders.
- Clicking on the 'Auto Color' Ⓐ button at the top will adjust the color automatically.
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓑ.

The 'RGB' option

Curve

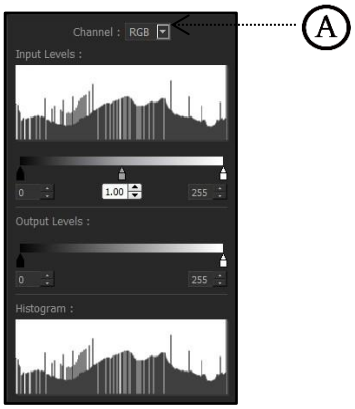
- Color intensities can be adjusted by clicking on 'Curve' ③button on the options bar of the 'Edit Photo' window.
- Select the color to be adjusted (RGB i.e. red, green or blue) from the drop list under the 'Channel' Ⓐ button.
- Adjust the intensity by clicking on the curve and moving it as per your requirement.



The 'Curve' option

Level

- To adjust the input and output levels of the photo, click on 'Level' button ④ on the options bar of the 'Edit Photo' window.
- Select the color for which the input and output levels need to be modified (RGB i.e. red, green or blue) from the drop list under the 'Channel' button Ⓐ.
- Modify the 'Input' and 'Output' level values in the value boxes as required.



The 'Level' option

Blur

- To give the photo a blurred effect; click on'Blur' button ⑤ on the options bar of the 'Edit Photo' window.
- Adjust the blur level from silder Ⓑ forward and backward to achieve the desired degree of blurring.
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓐ.

The 'Blur' option

Colorize

- To give a colour-film effect to the photo, click on 'Colorize' option ⑥ on the option bar under 'Basic Filters'.
- Select the color from 'Color Picker' or 'Color Palette' Ⓐ.
- Adjust the opacity and level from slider Ⓑ.
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓒ.

The 'Colorize' option

Feather

- Click on 'Feather' option ⑦ to give feather effect to the photo.
- Adjust the feather effect by moving the slider Ⓑ forward and backward or by inserting the value in the value box.
- It will help you to soften the hard edges of photograph.
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓐ.

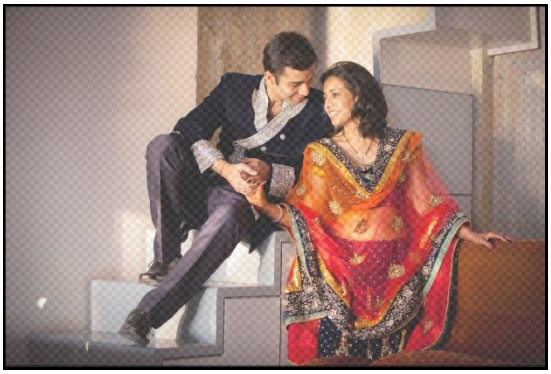
The 'Feather' option

The 'Feather' effect applied to the photo

Opacity

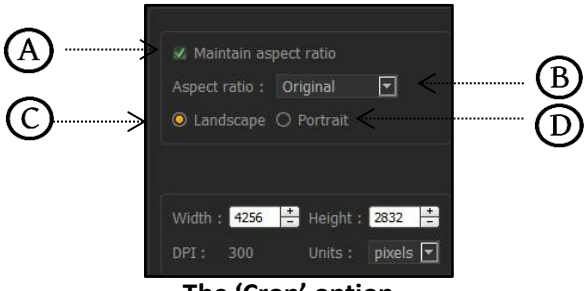
- Click on 'Opacity' option ⑧ to give opacity effect to the photo.
- Adjust the opacity by moving the slider Ⓑ forward and backward or by inserting the value in the value box.
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓐ.

The 'Opacity' option


Applying 'Opacity' to the photo

Crop

- To crop the photo to the desired dimensions and orientation, click on 'Crop' ⑨ button on the 'Edit Photo' window.
- Change the aspect ratio by clicking on the 'Aspect Ratio' box Ⓑ and select the required value.



The 'Crop' option

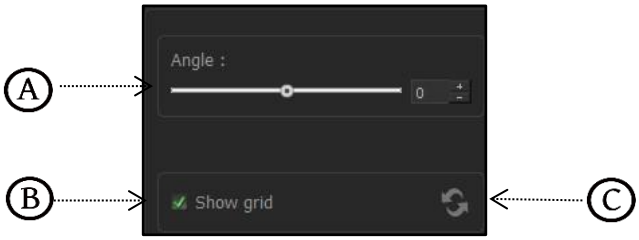
- Select the orientation you desire by selecting either 'Landscape' Ⓒ or 'Portrait' Ⓓ.
- You can enter the values for the width and height after selecting the unit you want to work with.
- Uncheck the 'Maintain Aspect Ratio' checkbox option Ⓐ if you would like to proceed with free-hand cropping of the photo.

(a) (b)

Cropping: (a) Landscape; (b) Portrait

Rotate

- Select the 'Rotate' option ⑩ on the options bar and then rotate the photo to the desired angle using the slider Ⓐ.
- The changes can be reset by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓒ.



The 'Rotate' option

- Uncheck the 'Show Grid' box to remove the grid lines.
- You also have the option of using grid lines on the photo to help align it better while rotating. You could activate the grid lines by checking the 'Show Grid' checkbox Ⓑ.

Using grid lines on the photo

! You could undo the changes by clicking on 'Reset' Ⓒ or load the original image by clicking on 'Load Original' Ⓐ at any point in the process.

Other Icons on Edit Photo window

Apart from the options that are available under Basic filters, there are few other 'aids' in the Album Xpress that help you as you proceed with designing the Album. These are discussed below.

Correction Tool

The correction tool Ⓓappears with all options and can be used to 'correct' any error that might happen while using the filters or add to the effects already created. The brush size and feather tool can be altered by using the respective slider or by entering the value of your choice in the value box.
! Remember to keep the Ctrl key pressed to activate the correction mode and to keep the Shift key pressed to undo the change.

Original and Before and After Images

Original Image: In the course of working on the photos, you might decide to retain an original image or make a fresh set of changes. In such cases, you could load the original image once again by clicking on 'Load Original'. Once the 'Load Original' icon Ⓐis clicked the software asks for confirmation by displaying a text box. This text box warns that all changes made on the photo so far will be lost. You could click on 'Yes' to proceed. Clicking on 'No' will take you back to the photo with changes.

Before and After Images: After making a change, you could view how the photo looked just before the change was made by clicking on 'Before' and how the photo looks after the change by clicking on 'After'. This aids in better decision-making.

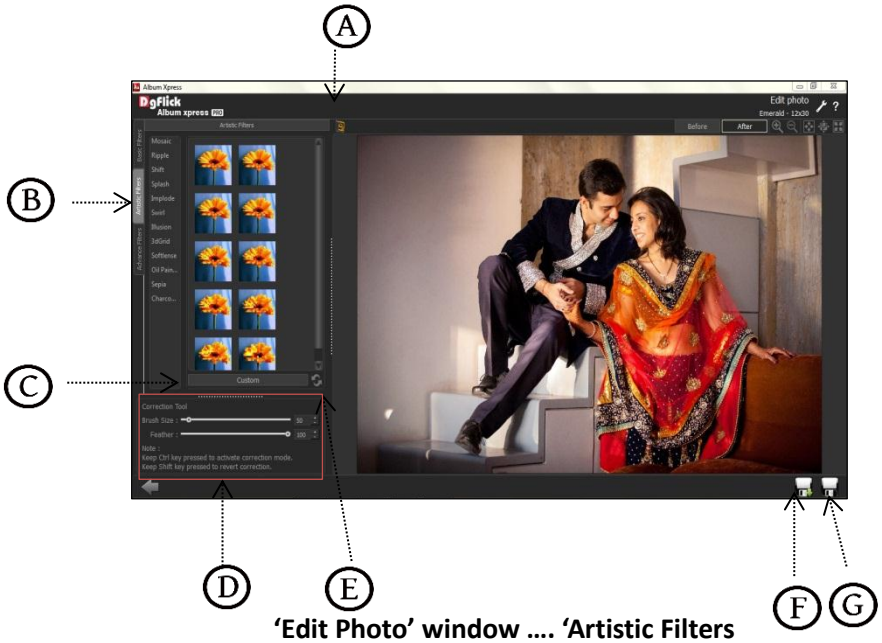
Saving the Changes

There are two 'Save' icons on the lower right-hand corner of the 'Edit Photo' window.

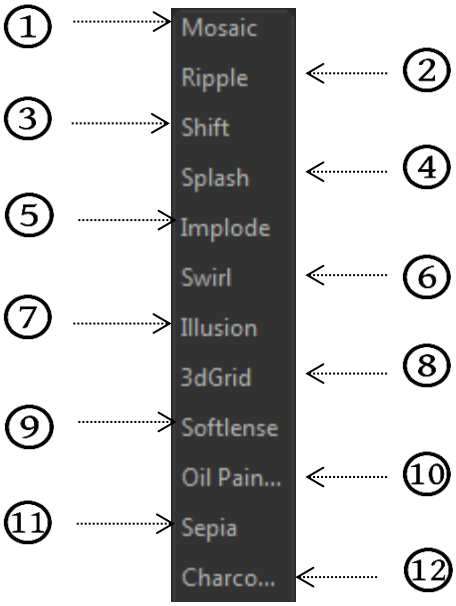
'Save'Ⓕ: Clicking on this icon causes the old file to be rewritten and the new copy now exists for your reference.
'Save as'Ⓔ: Clicking on this icon will allow you to save a copy of your work. A text box allowing you to name the copy appears and clicking on 'Ok' after entering the name creates a new copy of your work.

Artistic Filters

Artistic filters provide more options for editing the photo and adding more effects to get an eye-catching end result. Some of these options include Mosaic, Ripple, Shift and so on. You could access these options by clicking on 'Artistic Filters' tab on the options bar. This section deals with the filters one by one.



'Edit Photo' window …. 'Artistic Filters



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Mosaic

- Click on 'Mosaic' option ① to add a mosaic effect to the photo.
- You could apply the effect seen in any one of the 10 presets on the options bar to the photo by double clicking on the preset.
- To customize the size of the mosaic blocks, click on 'Custom' button Ⓒ below the presets.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Applying a 'Mosaic' preset to the photo

Ripple

- To add a 'Ripple' effect to the photos, click on 'Ripple' button ② on the options bar.
- Select the preset of your choice from the 20 available presets and double click on it to apply the effect to the photo.
- You could customize your ripple by clicking on 'Custom' button Ⓒ either adjusting the sliders for the amplitude and wavelength or entering values manually.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Applying the 'Ripple' effect to the photo

Shift

- Click on 'Shift' option ③ to apply the shift effect to the photo.
- Select and apply the effect you desire by double clicking on one of the 10 presets available on the options bar.
- Click on 'Custom' button Ⓒ if you wish to customize your shift value.
- Move the slider or manually insert the value in the shift value box.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Splash

- Click on 'Splash' button ④ on the options bar to apply the splash effect to the photo.

- Of the five presets that appear on the options bar, you could choose any one for the photo and apply the effect by double clicking on it.
- Click on 'Custom' button Ⓒ to customize the density of the splash effect.
- Use the slider to change the value of the density or manually enter the value in the value box.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Implode

- Click on 'Implode' button ⑤on the options bar to apply the effects under implode to the photo.
- Of the ten presets available on the option bar, double click on the desired preset to apply the effect on the photo.
- Click on 'Custom' button Ⓒto alter the values for 'Implosion' and 'Explosion' based on your requirements.
- Use the sliders to alter the values, else manually enter the values in the value box.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔto reset the settings.

Swirl

- Click on 'Swirl' button ⑥on the options bar to apply the 'swirl' effect on the photo.
- Of the 18 presets available under this category, you could choose any one for the photo by double clicking on it.
- Click on 'Custom' button Ⓒto alter the degree of swirl.
- Use the slider to alter the swirl value, else manually enter the value in the value box as per your requirement.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔto reset the settings.

Illusion

- Click on 'Illusion' button ⑦on the options bar to apply different illusion effects on the photo.
- Of the 10 presets available under this category, you could choose any one for the photo by double clicking on it.
- Click on 'Custom' button Ⓒto alter the section count of the illusion effect.
- You could increase or decrease the section count by using the slider or entering the value manually in the value box.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

3dGrid

- Click on '3dGrid' option ⑧ to apply the 3d grid effect on the photos.
- Of the 10 presets available under this category, you could choose any one for the photo by double clicking on it.
- To customize the cell size and line depth, click on 'Custom' button Ⓒ.
- Use the sliders to adjust the cell size and line depth as per your requirements, else insert the values in the value boxes.
- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Softlense

- Click on 'Softlense' button ⑨ on the options bar to apply the effects under the 'Softlense' category.
- From the 13 presets available, you could choose and apply the preset of your choice to the photo by double clicking on the preset.
- Click on 'Custom' button Ⓒ to modify the 'softness' of the effect.
- Use the slider to make the required change, else enter the value manually in the value box.

The 'Softlense' effect applied

- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Oil Painting

- To lend an oil-painting effect to the photo, click on 'Oil Painting' button ⑩ on the options bar.
- Select the effect you require by double clicking on the preset of your choice from the 10 made available on the options bar.
- To customize your brush size, click on 'Custom' button Ⓒ.
- Change the brush size by moving the slider or by manually entering the value in the value box.

- Click on 'Reset' button Ⓔ to reset the settings.

Sepia

- To apply a sepia tone to the photo, click on 'Sepia' option (11) in the options bar.
- Check the box corresponding to 'Sepia' to apply the effect to the photo.
- Uncheck the 'Sepia' box to reset the setting.

The 'Sepia' effect

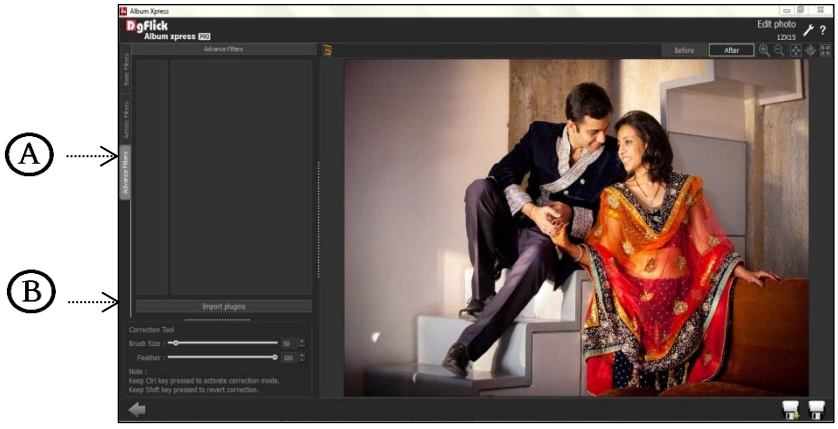
Charcoal Drawing

- To add a charcoal drawing effect to the photo, click on Charcoal Drawing' button (12) on the options bar.
- Check the box corresponding to 'Charcoal Drawing', to apply the effect to the photo.
- Uncheck the Charcoal Drawing' box to reset the setting.

Advanced Editing

Album Xpress has several types of 'filters' that helps in adding special effects to the photos and Album to make for an eye-catching end product. Basic Filters and Artistic Filters have been dealt with in detail in previous section. We now take a look at the advanced editing option in Album Xpress – the Advance Filters.

- On the 'Edit Photo' window, click on 'Advanced Filters' (A) tab to access the advance filters.
- Click on 'Import Plugins' button (B) on the page to import third-party plug-ins from the location in which you have saved it.
- You could even download plug-ins from the Internet. Most of Photoshop plug-ins are supported by Album.

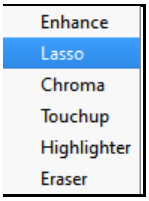


'Edit Photo' window …. Advanced Filters

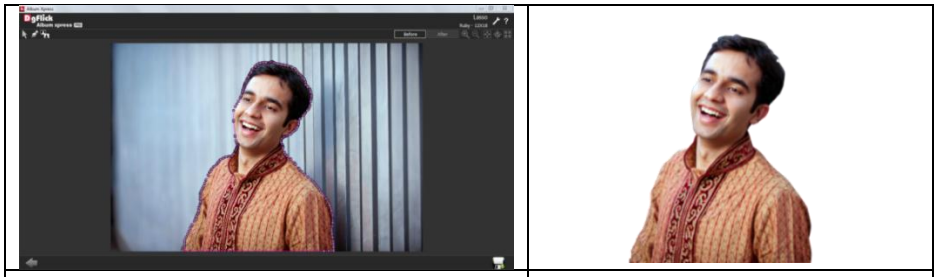
***Note**: Advanced Filters option is not available with MAC.*

Lasso

- On the 'Design Album' window, select the photo you wish to modify, then click on on top option bar and select the option 'Lasso'.



- On the 'Lasso' window, the tools are available on the top, left-hand corner above the photo.



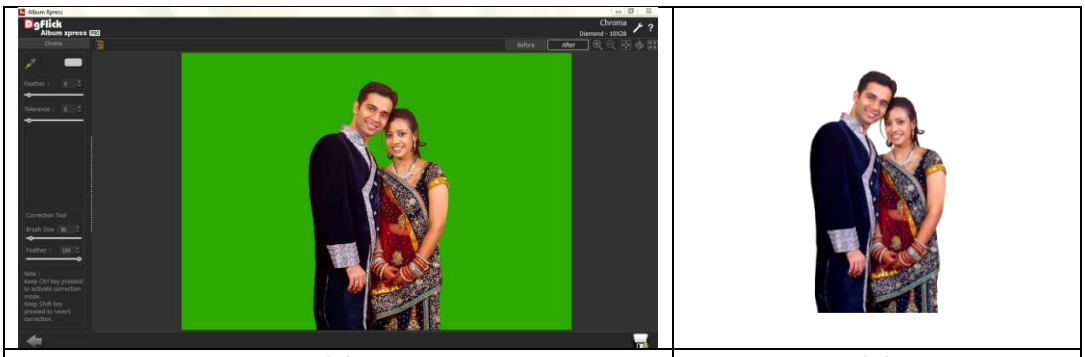
(a) (b)

The Lasso page with the tools. (a) Before (b) After

- Select from the top tool bar to make the 'layer' you would like to use.
- The right-click on your mouse helps you to go back in case of an error.
- Use to select the layer created.
- Finally, use to invert the layer.
- At any point of the process, click on to see how the picture will appear after the change is applied and to view the photo as it was before the change.
- Save the changes by clicking on . This allows you to save a copy of the new file in the path.

Chroma

- On the 'Design Album' window, select the photo you wish to modify, then click on and select the option 'Chroma'.

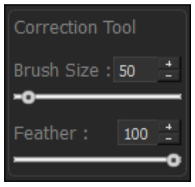


(a) (b)

The Chroma option (a) before (b) after

- The Chroma option is useful when you wish to change the background of a photo or conceal some part of the photo to suit your layout.
- The color picker and 'Feather' and 'Tolerance' help in using this option.
- Click on the color picker and click on the area on the photo that you want concealed.
- Adjust the values for the feather and tolerance as per your requirement by moving the sliders for these values backward and forward or by manually entering the values in the value boxes.

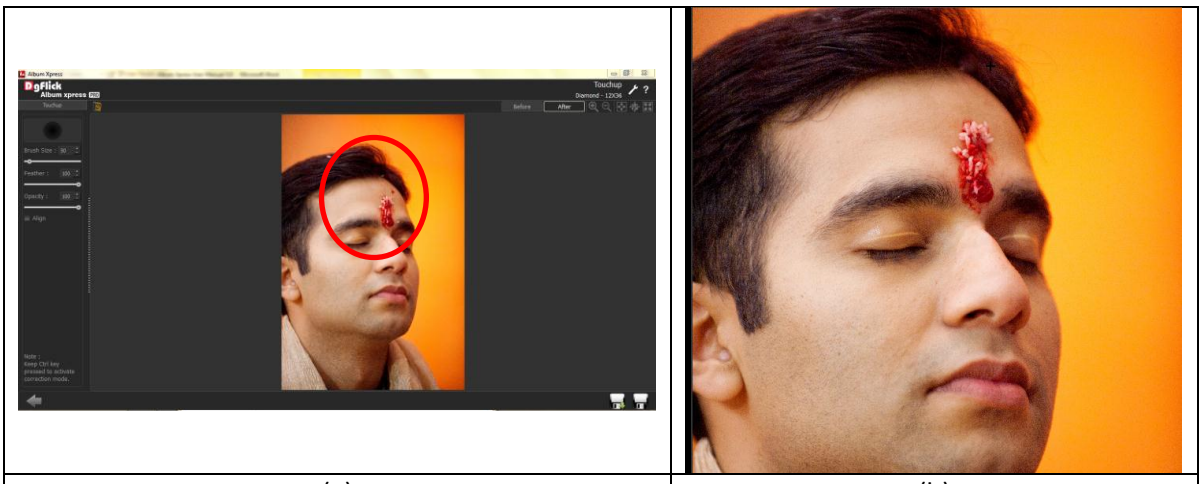
- To undo a change or to make corrections to the changes made, use the correction tool on the page.
- You could change the brush and feather size by using the sliders or by entering the values in the value boxes.



- Keep the Ctrl key pressed to activate the correction mode and the Shift key to reset the change.
- At any point of the process, click on 'After' to see how the picture will appear after the change is applied and 'Before' to view the photo as it was before the change.
- Save the changes by clicking on . This allows you to save a copy of the new file in the path.

Touchup

- You can remove all the blemishes, wrinkles, unwanted spots and marks with the help of Touchup tool. On the 'Design Album' page, select the photo you wish to modify, then click on and select the option 'Touchup'.



(a)	(b)

The Touchup option. (a) before (b) after

Highlighter

- On the 'Design Album' window, select the photo you wish to modify, then click on and select the option 'Highlighter'.

- The highlighter option helps to make any subject of your wish stand out in color against a black-and-white background.
- Once the photo is selected and 'Highlighter' option chosen, the photo, initially in color, opens in black and white on the 'Highlighter' page.

(a)	(a)

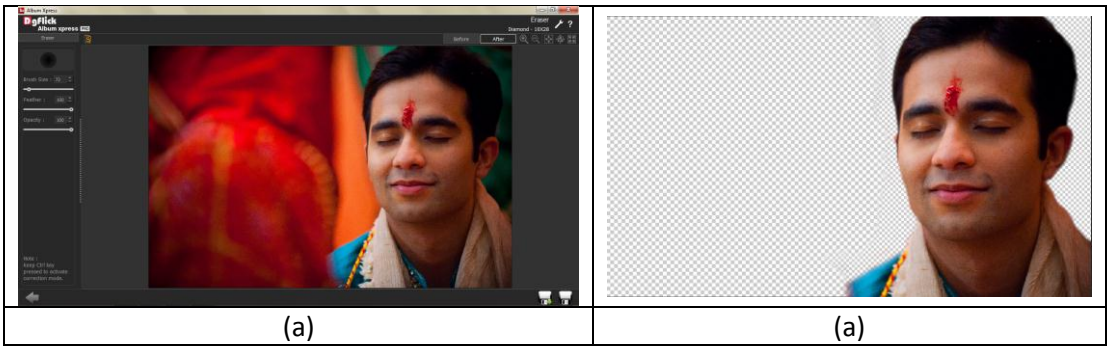
Highlighter (a) before (b) after

- Adjust the brush size, feather and opacity using their respective sliders or by entering the values in the value boxes.

- Move the brush over the area you want to be highlighted. That segment now appears in color and the remaining parts stay in black and white.
- Keep the Ctrl key pressed to activate the correction mode in case you need to undo your highlighting.
- To see how the photo looked before and after the change, clicks on 'Before' and 'After 'respectively.
- You could save a copy of the photo with the changes by clicking on or overwrite the original photo by clicking on .

Eraser

- On the 'Design Album' window, select the photo you wish to modify, then click on and select the option 'Eraser'.
- The 'Eraser' can be used to erase the portions of the photo that you do not wish to retain in the Album.



(a)	(a)

Eraser (a) before (b) after

- Adjust the brush size, the feather and the opacity by using the corresponding sliders or by entering the values in the value boxes.

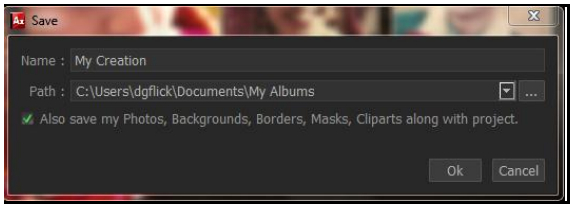
- Move the eraser over the segments of the photo that need to be erased.
- Keep the Ctrl key pressed to reset the changes and the Shift key pressed to redo the erasing.
- You could save a copy of the photo with the changes by clicking on or overwrite the original photo by clicking on .

Job's Done! – Saving and Exporting

Album Xpress not only supports Album creation but also allows you to save the file for future use, send a viewable copy to the customer and export it as required. These features add to the versatility of the software and also simplify working on it to a great extent. This section deals with the saving, opening and exporting of files once the Album is created.

Saving

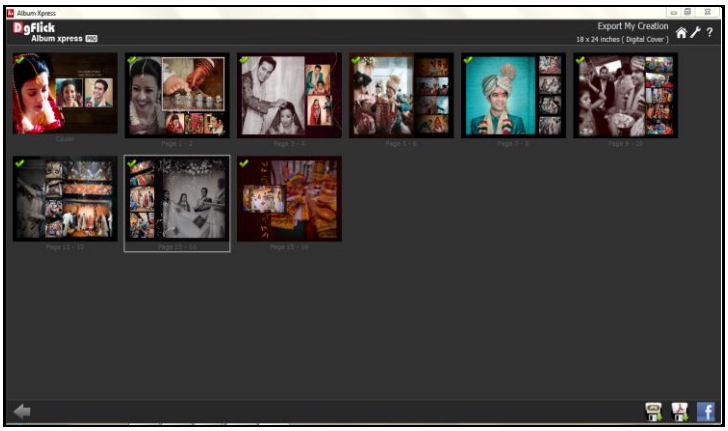
- After the project is done, the next step is saving the project by clicking on .
- The default path for saving the project is displayed in the textbox as 'My Documents \My Albums'. You could either save the project in this path or provide the path of your choice to save the project.



- Save the other elements used in the Album, such as cliparts, borders, shapes and so on, by checking the box against 'Also save my Photos, Backgrounds, Borders, Masks, Cliparts along with Project'.
- Click on 'Ok' to save the project or on 'Cancel' to abort the process.

Exporting

- After an Album project is saved, it needs to be 'exported' so that it can be sent to the customer or printed as the final output.
- Once the saving process is done, click on to start the 'exporting' process.
- On the next screen, the 'Export My Creation' page, you can see all the pages of the Album with little green 'tick' marks on them.

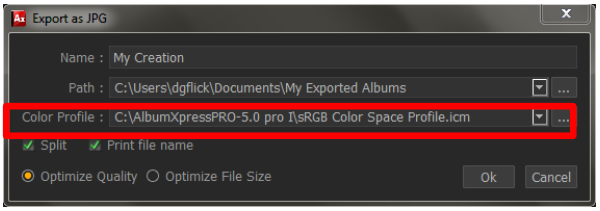


'Export My Creation' Window

- In case you do not wish to include any page in the 'exporting' process, simply uncheck the page by clicking on it. The green tick now disappears and the page will not be included in the final Album.

Exporting in JPG Format

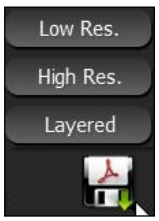
- To save the project in a JPG format, click on , on the lower right-hand corner. The default path for saving the .jpg file appears in the textbox that is now visible on screen. The path is 'My Documents\My exported pages'. However, you could change the path and save it in any location of your choice.
- Set the color profile by clicking on 'Browse' button.
- To split the Album while saving, check the 'Split' Checkbox.
- You could optimize the quality or the file size by checking 'Optimize Quality' or 'Optimize File Size', as per your requirement.



- Click on 'Ok' to proceed with the exporting or on 'Cancel' to abort the process.
- Once the project has been exported you get the confirmation in a text box.

Exporting in PDF Format

- To save the project in a PDF format, click on in the lower right-hand corner.
- The PDF file can be exported in three different formats: Low res. PDF, High res. PDF and Layered PDF.



Low Res. PDF

- Select 'Low Res.' to save the file with a low resolution. Such low res. files can be used only for viewing and are not suitable for printing. Files are created in this format so that they can be sent to the client for approval or for general viewing purposes. Besides, the customer can add in comments for the photos or pages.
- The default path for saving the PDF file appears in the textbox. The path is 'My Documents\My Exported Albums'. However, you could change the path and save it in any location of your choice.
- Clicking on 'OK' will create a low res. PDF file. Clicking on 'Cancel' will abort the process.
- Once the project has been exported you get the confirmation in a text box.

High Res. PDF

- Select to save the file with a high resolution. A file saved with this option will be in a printable format.
- The default path for saving the PDF file appears in the textbox. The path is 'My Documents\My Exported Albums'. However, you could change the path and save it in any location of your choice.
- Select to split the file while saving if you want to split the pages.
- Clicking on 'OK' will create a high res. PDF file. Clicking on 'Cancel' will abort the process.
- Once the project has been exported you get the confirmation in a text box.

Layered PDF

- Click on to save a 'layered' PDF file. Such layered PDF files are high-quality files in which color correction can be done before printing.
- The default path for saving the PDF file appears in the textbox. The path is 'My Documents\My Exported Albums'. However, you could change the path and save it in any location of your choice.
- Clicking on 'OK' will create a layered PDF file. Clicking on 'Cancel' will abort the process.
- Once the project has been exported you get the confirmation in a text box.
- If you wish to share the Album on your Facebook account then click on .

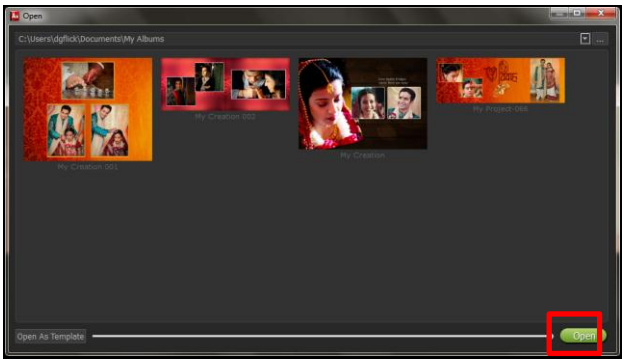
Open Project

Album Xpress gives you the great advantage of opening and editing the saved projects as many times as you want. It also lets you use the saved project as a template where you just need to insert the photos. This saves your time as well as your energy.

Open Saved Project

- To open a project that has been saved and exported, click on the Home icon of Album Xpress.
- You will be redirected to Home page where you can see 'Open' option at left bottom side.
- Click on 'Open' option.

- The projects you have saved are now displayed on the screen.
- Through 'Browse' icon you can give path of the folder where you have saved your project.
- Select the project you wish to work on and then click on 'Open'.



The saved projects in the path

Open Project as Template

- To open a project as a template that has been saved and exported, click on the Home icon of Album Xpress.
- You will be redirected to Home page where you can see 'Open' option at left bottom side.
- Click on 'Open' option.
- The projects you have saved are now displayed on the screen.
- Through 'Browse' icon button you can give path of the folder where you have saved your project.

The 'Open Project' window with 'Open as Template' option

- Select the project you wish to use as a template and then click on 'Open as Template' button at left bottom side to use the same design with other photos as many times as you wish to.

Troubleshoot

This section deals with questions most commonly encountered by Album Xpress users.

- **How fast can I create an Album?**
  Ans: With Album Xpress, you have the option of creating Albums in a matter of minutes using various Auto Album Creation styles like Perfect, Auto and Eco style. Once you select the templates or themes and photos that go into the Album, Album Xpress will do the rest for you.

- **I do not wish to use Album Xpress ready templates or themes. Can I design my own template?**
  Ans: Sure. Album Xpress has plenty of tools and options to help you with perfect composition and decoration. They include:
  - Composition tools – ruler, grid, guidelines, auto resizing, Page and Object based alignment and so on.
  - Decoration tools – mask, border, clip arts, backgrounds, themes and so on.

- **Can I create Albums in sizes specific to My Album Company and my requirements?**
  Ans: Yes. Album Xpress allows you to customize the Album size. Moreover, you could define your cover and page size including margins. You can also define the starting page in the Album, that is, whether the Album should start on the left page or on the right. Album Xpress also allows you to save* this new Album size for future use.

- **Could I use my own collection of clip-arts in place of the Album Xpress ones?**
  Ans: Yes. Album Xpress allows you to import any décor such as
  - Background (any JPEG),
  - Clip-arts (any JPEG/PNG),
  - Frames (any PNG),
  - Masks (any PNG).

  Any décor used in Album Xpress will automatically be generated in 18 shades. You can also get your own templates or themes while working on Album Xpress (use Free PSD to Ax Template conversion utility).

- **Can I color correct photos while designing my Album?**
  Ans: Sure. Album Xpress provides two types of photo editors, which are a part of the software:
  - Photo editing with RGB, BCG, Curves and Levels
  - Advanced editing with Lasso, Chroma, Touch up, Highlighter, Eraser and plug-ins.

  Apart from these options, an color correction tool is provided from where you can also do instant BCG and RGB color correction to match the photos with the page background.

- **I usually use 'Portraiture' plug-in available in Adobe Photoshop to correct photos. Can I use photos corrected in this manner in Album Xpress?**
  Ans: Album Xpress directly supports 'Portraiture' as a plug-in. Hence, you need not exit Album Xpress to correct the photos with your favorite plug-in. Besides, you may import any other plug-in of your choice within Album Xpress.

- **How will I send the designed Album to the customer for his or her approval?**
  Ans: Album Xpress lets you export the Album project as low-resolution PDF files. These files have the following advantages:
  - Low-resolution PDF files are good to view in any size and require no special software. Any PDF viewer can display such files and they can even be viewed on any mobile device.
  - Since it is in PDF format, the customer can add his or her comments on any page/photo.
  - A low-resolution PDF file does not give a good output on printing and hence you can be assured that for printing purposes, the high-resolution files for the Album can be sourced only through you.

- **Can I transfer my on-going Album project to my home PC to ensure quicker delivery?**
  Ans: Absolutely. You could transfer Album Xpress projects to your home PC as while saving your project the software allows you to save the photos and décors as well. However, you might not be able to install Album Xpress in your home PC unless you have purchased three PC licenses and have an unused license with you or unless you have purchased the Pro version (where a dongle is required to save the project).

- **Is it possible to expand size of mask or free transform the mask on photos?**
  Ans: Yes absolutely possible. Here the software allows you to adjust mask size as well as the border size according to the height width and size of the inserted photo.

Note: *Some features are available only for the Album Xpress PRO version users.*

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